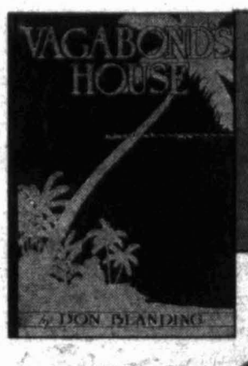

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Bomb, explosion scares force beach, school evacuations

By PAUL MILLER

A HIGH-PRESSURE gas main was severed by a backhoe operator Thursday morning directly in front of Robert Louis Stevenson Lower School, forcing the evacuation of the entire student body and their teachers for two hours while PG&E workers struggled to cap the leak.

Just two days earlier, hundreds of beachgoers were evacuated and the foot of Ocean Ave. was closed for more than three hours while Army demolition experts from Moffett Field dismantled what appeared to be a large bomb inside the public restrooms at Del Mar Beach.

The device turned out to be a hoax: six road flares assembled with electrical tape into a frightening package, complete with 9-volt battery, a bundle of multi-colored wires and circuit board with a digital clock.

"Whoever did this went to a lot of trouble to make it look real," said Carmel Police Chief Don Fuselier.

There was nothing fake about the natural gas leak that

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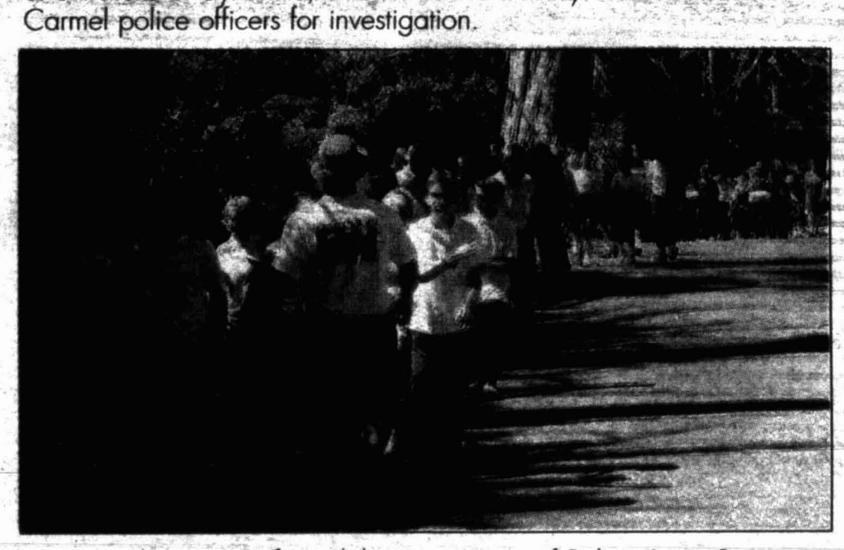
Sgt. Robert Thornton (center) of the U.S. Army bomb squad hands over parts of a fake bomb that was found inside the restrooms at Carmel Beach Tuesday afternoon. The device — which appeared to consist of six sticks of dynamite, a timer and a battery — was delivered to Carmel police officers for investigation.

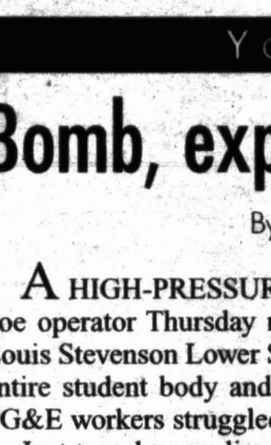


A ruptured gas main forced the evacuation of Robert Louis Stevenson Lower School Thursday morning. The entire student body (above) trooped to Carmel Beach until the danger of an explosion and fire had passed.

Broker charged with 13 elder abuse felonies

By KIRSTIE WILDE

JOHN BRUGGER, a 57-year-old Carmel real estate broker, has been charged with forging a will and stealing more than $2 million from the estate of an elderly Carmel woman who died in 1999. Brugger's defense attorney says his client is an innocent good Samaritan who "just did some stupid things because he was trying to play lawyer."



John Brugger

At Brugger's preliminary hearing Sept. 6, Judge José Velasquez found enough evidence to hold him to answer in Superior Court for 13 felony counts, including fraud, grand theft embezzlement, preparing false evidence and

*See **WILL** page 14A*

City council to postal service: the mail is in your court

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE CARMEL City Council took a gamble Sept. 7 that doing nothing is the best way to protect the city's tradition of picking up its mail at the post office.

After listening to residents passionately debate whether home mail delivery, house numbers and mailboxes should be allowed in Carmel-by-the-Sea, the council unanimously agreed to table the issue and took no official action to support or oppose a home mail delivery system in the village.

After announcing Aug. 15 that they were ready to begin home mail delivery, U.S. postal officials made it clear they would wait to find out if the city would put together a system of street addresses.

Acting on advice from Carmel City Attorney Don Freeman, council members agreed it would be unwise to try to interfere with a federal agency, but they also made it clear they wouldn't be responsible for bringing addresses to Carmel.

"The ball is in their court," said Carmel Mayor Sue McCloud.

Postal officials who attended the Sept. 7 meeting packed with TV and print media were unclear as to what would happen if the city refused to cooperate and put an addressing system in place.

During the debate, McCloud asked postal officials what they would do if the city prohibited street numbers.

"We would have to go back and consider our options," said Daryl Ishizaki, the San Jose district manger for the U.S. Postal Service.

The meeting was reminiscent of the days when Clint Eastwood was mayor, with reporters from around the state and the nation — including the

*See **MAIL BOX** page 6A*

■ AND THEY CALL THEM UGLY?

PHOTOS/COURTESY IVAN EBERLE

They came from a tough section of Southern California, bringing with them delinquent behavior, vandalism, and enough attitude to scare a coyote off a fresh carcass. But the caretaker of the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy's observatory on Chews Ridge was just as tough, and much better looking. See the story of Ivan Eberle's daring confrontation on page 12A.

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Details of Pebble Beach plan to be unveiled

By PAUL MILLER

PROPERTY OWNERS in Del Monte Forest will get their first look this week at details of a Pebble Beach Co. proposal for about 125 new hotel rooms at The Lodge and The Inn at Spanish Bay.

Alan Williams and other representatives of the P.B. Co. will make a presentation at a meeting of the Del Monte Forest Property Owner's Association Sept. 11.

"I'm looking for a cap — a complete and permanent cap on the number of hotel rooms in the Forest," said the Rev. Paul Woudenberg, a member of the DMFPO Board. "I think we should hold out for that."

DMFPO members expressed frustration at a board meeting in July that the P.B. Co.'s ballot initiative — which will be on the Nov. 7 ballot — was announced publicly before they had even been notified it was forthcoming.

At that meeting, Williams promised to give the DMFPO board first crack at the plan to swap more than 800 possible homesites for the new hotel rooms as soon as details were finalized. He also told them the company would certainly be willing to cap the hotel rooms at the number currently proposed, even though existing zoning contains no cap.

Concern for future development

"I have no idea what is in the plan, but whatever it is, I think there's been a lot of concern about future open-ended development, and I hope they can address that," Woudenberg said.

Clint Eastwood, Peter Ueberroth and other company officials announced June 6 at a meeting of the Monterey County Board of Supervisors that the decade-old proposal for the build-out of Del Monte Forest would be abandoned in favor of new hotel rooms, plus 24 "golf cottages" on Spyglass Hill Rd.

At the time, P.B. Co. CEO Bill Perocchi said 55 to 60 rooms would be added at The Lodge, and about 75 rooms at the Inn at Spanish Bay. The rooms would require the removal of very few trees and be located in "already disturbed areas," he said.

Reports have circulated among residents of Del Monte Forest that the new rooms at The Lodge would be proposed for the north side of the first fairway, where the cart barn and the Fairway One House now stand, and the new rooms at the Inn at Spanish Bay would probably be located on the rear portion of the existing parking lot, along the third fairway. But company officials have declined to provide any details in advance of the DMFPO meeting.

Forest would be off-limits

The hotel rooms aren't mentioned in the Nov. 7 ballot measure which, if approved by voters, would make large tracts in the Forest off-limits to development. These tracts include several old-growth stands of Monterey pine where the P.B. Co. had previously planned to build about 150 homes but which environmentalists had fought to protect.

The company made no change in its proposal for a new golf course at the current location of the Pebble Beach Equestrian Center and construction of a new equestrian center near Highway 68.

"I also think we should get a commitment from the company that they'll complete the new equestrian center before the old one is torn down. If somebody has a valuable horse, they can't just put it in a tent," Woudenberg said.

The DMFPO will meet at 3 p.m. Monday at the Pebble Beach Community Service District offices at the corner of Forest Lake Road and Lopez Road in Pebble Beach.

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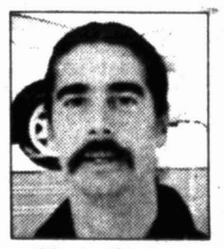
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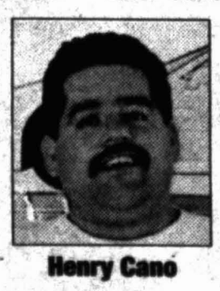
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JUNIPERO STREET HIT WITH SEWAGE SPILL

By TAMARA GRIPPI

A CLOGGED waste water line spilled 15 to 20 gallons of sewage onto Junipero Street Sept. 6, forcing officials to close off the block while crews cleaned up the mess.

At approximately 12:30 p.m., off-duty fire fighter Dave Jedinak, who lives nearby, saw the sewage erupt from a clean-out in the middle of the street.

"I heard a clank and my dog came running inside," Jedinak said. "I saw the cap pop off, then a car hit the cap and it flew into the air."

Crews from the Carmel Area Waste Water District cleaned up the mess and treated the area with a chlorine compound. The blocked sewer line was opened with a high-pressure hose, according to Jim Cullem, the city's public works director.

"The location was fortuitous because it was close to the top of the line, and that's easy to fix," Cullem said.

Cullem explained that the spill was relatively minor, and probably originated in one of the lateral lines that connect the plumbing of each home to the sewer main.

The sewage, which poured out in one burst and then stopped, didn't flow onto any nearby property. A Carmel Fire Department crew cordoned off the area until the sanitary district's clean-up team arrived.

PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Carmel Fire Engineer August Beacham and Public Works Director Jim Cullem examine the sewage spill down Junipero.

Most often, blockage originating in a lateral line is caused by people flushing things down their toilets that they should-not — like diapers, Cullem said.

Sometimes tree roots can cause problems in the sewer lines, but the sanitary district is "very conscientious" about keeping the mains clear, the public works director said.

"Tree roots are more of a problem with the individual laterals," he said.

Search called off for missing diver

By TAMARA GRIPPI

TEN DAYS after a scuba diver was reported lost one-half mile off Pescadero Point, his body remains missing and there are no plans to resume the underwater search.

"The divers went down 100-plus feet," said deputy Bill Cassara, public information officer with the Monterey County Sheriff's Department. "There wouldn't even be a reference point now."

Donald Jesse Hopper, a 55-year-old man from Tucson, Arizona, was diving with his brother and a friend from Hopper's pleasure boat around 10 a.m. Aug. 28 when he failed to surface.

After his companions couldn't find Hopper, they contacted the U.S. Coast Guard.

Rescue divers from the coast guard and Pacific Grove Ocean Rescue searched, but were hampered by the poor visibility underwater.

"It's so bad down there, you almost have to run into someone [to find them]," said John Crocker, station captain with the Pacific Grove Fire Department. "With that visibility you can't even see your fin."

Divers from the Monterey County Sheriff's Department continued the search to no avail and later called it off.

The decision to carry on a search when the victim has no chance of survival is a matter of common sense, sheriff's department Sgt. Jim Meckel.

"If the search is a real needle in a haystack, that's taken into consideration. If an area is clear and there's a good likelihood of finding the individual, then that's taken into consideration."

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Rescue divers give John Crocker, station captain with the Pacific Grove Fire Department, the bad news that they haven't found the body.

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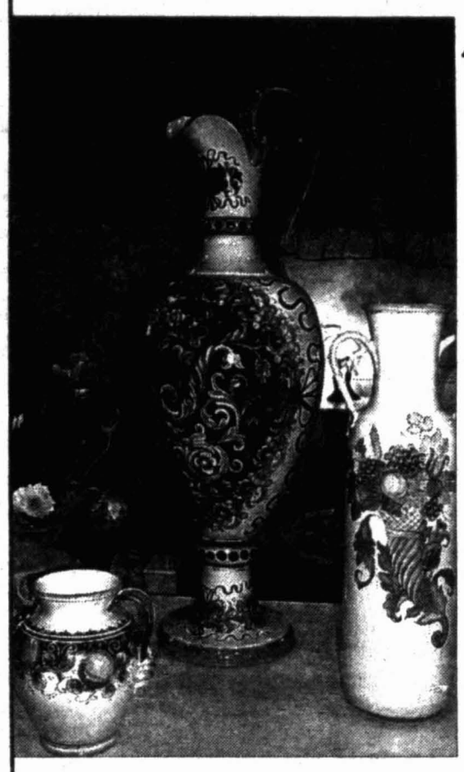

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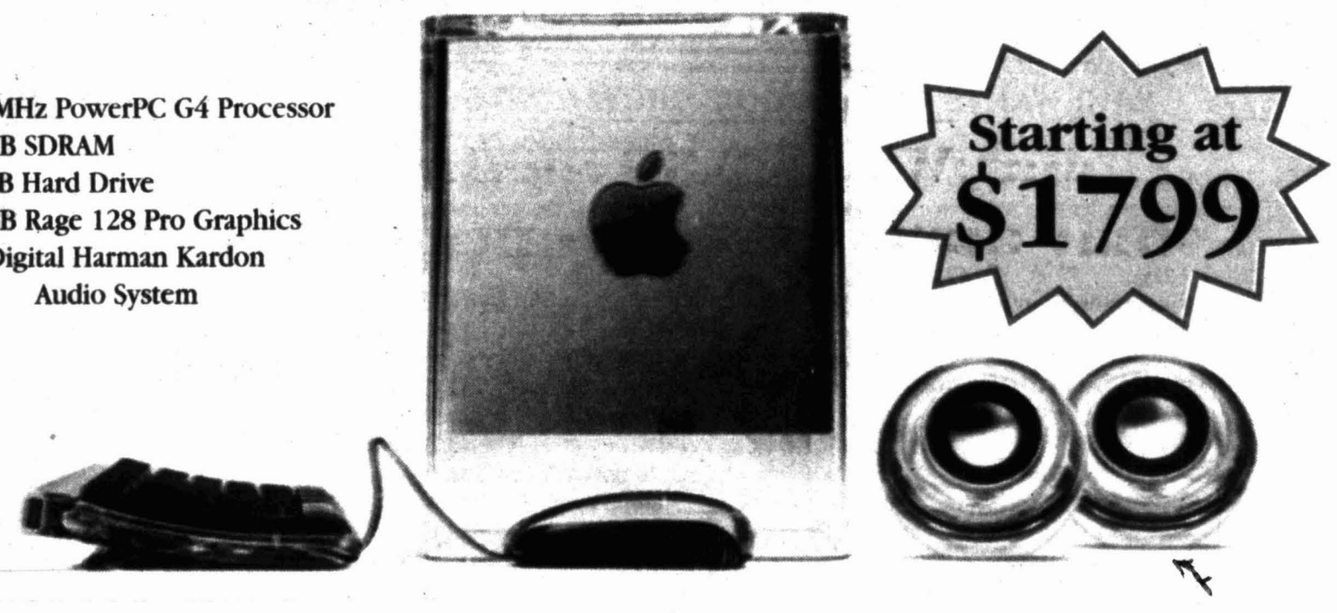

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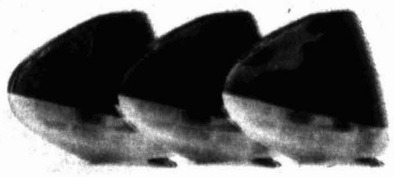

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Police & Sheriff's Log

Stalking stranger or potted plant?

HERE'S A look at some of the significant calls logged by the Carmel–by–the–Sea Police Department and the Monterey County Sheriff's Department last week.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

Carmel–by–the–Sea: CHOMP requested a welfare check on a Santa Rita resident due to her calling and complaining about bugs. She appeared to be in good health and stated her house was infested with fleas due to her dog. She stated she would call city hall in the morning to have the house inspected. Nothing suspicious noted.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Man contacted for picking up recyclables from an Ocean Avenue restaurant. He was given permission from the owner. He said he is aware of the ordinance that prohibits removing recyclables from the curb.

Carmel Valley: Southbank residents were involved in a verbal argument. Both agreed to try and talk things out.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Pasadena driver stopped at Highway 1 and Rio Road and arrested for DUI. Car driven from scene by sober passenger.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Carmel man arrested for DUI. Car impounded at Carmel Chevron.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Monterey female arrested at Highway 1 and Highway 68 for DUI. Car towed to Carmel Chevron.

Carmel Valley: Robinson Canyon Road resident reported a suspicious vehicle parked on his property. The vehicle was unoccupied and tagged at his request.

Carmel Valley: Village Square resident reported having a civil dispute with his neighbor.

Carmel Valley: Tassajara Road resident reported his wife threw a beer bottle at him, hitting him in the elbow. The suspect is still at large.

Carmel Valley: Live Oak Lane resident reported coming home to find a U–haul truck in his driveway. The truck was secured and nothing in the house was missing. It appeared that the vehicle was erroneously parked. U–haul was contacted to remove the vehicle.

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Contacted group in

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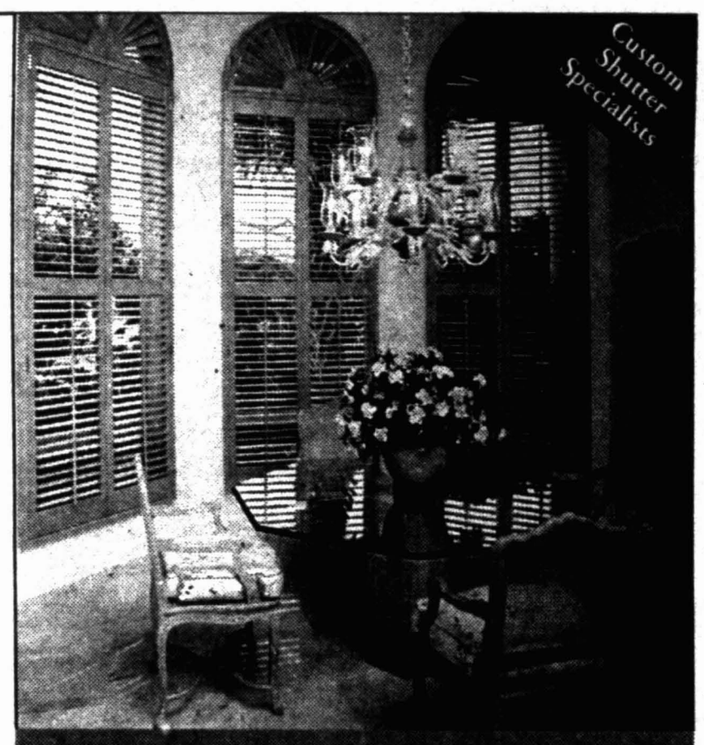

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WHO WANTS TO BE A QUIZ SHOW CONTESTANT?

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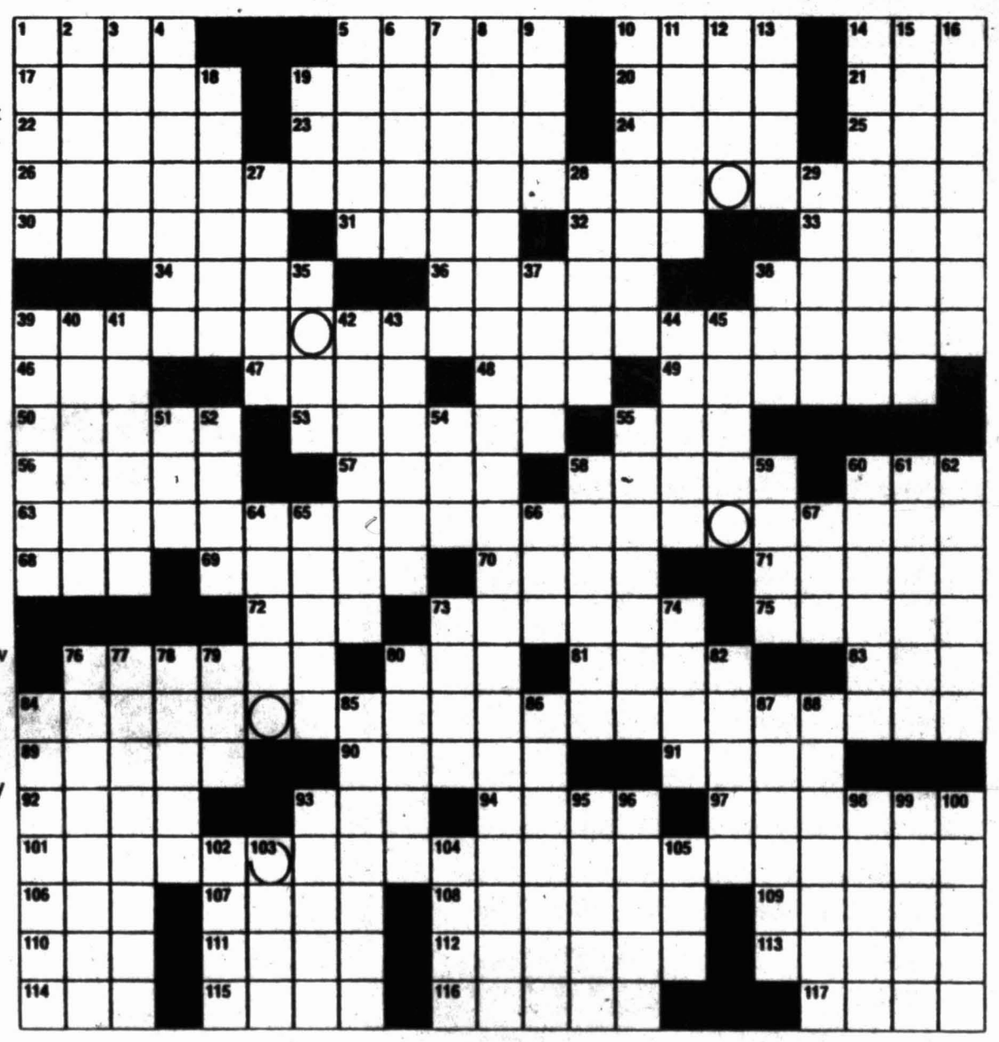
Each answer at 26-, 39-, 63-, 84- and 101-Across is a quiz question for which there is one correct response among the four choices in the clue. The circled letter in the answer is the correct response.

ACROSS

1 Alley
5 Fashionable 70's wear
10 Duke of ___, historic Spanish general
14 Bit of cleverness
17 Solemn responses
19 Captivate
20 Kind of cloth
21 Suffix with brilliant
22 Singer-actress Janis
23 Mario Puzo best seller
24 Medical advice, often
25 IV measurements
26 A. God of war
B. Goddess of the earth
C. God of love
D. Ruler of the gods
30 Most of Mauritania
31 Flu source
32 Wear and tear
33 Head, slangily
34 Designer Wang
36 Story of France
38 Big voting bloc
39 A. "Les Troyens"
B. "Pelléas et Melisande"
C. "La Mer"
D. "Faust"
46 Pay stub?
47 1962 film set in Jamaica
48 Consents
49 Tao founder
50 Early Eastern mercenary
53 Boeing rival
55 Talk, talk, talk
56 Snowy ___
57 Zip
58 Olympics
60 Two-time link
63 A. Egg and matzo meal
B. Tomatoes and cheese
C. Corn or barley
D. Chickpeas or beans
68 Dump
69 Dish eaten with rice
70 Britney Spears, to some
71 Part of 1,000
72 "Whew!"
73 Calls off the romance
75 Translucent quartz
76 Heartbeat quickener
80 Gen. Lee's grp.
81 Snowmobile parts
83 Judge in 1995 news
84 A. Karl Malden
B. Robert Mitchum
C. George C. Scott
D. Burt Lancaster
89 Make it up to
90 Big East team
91 Where Bill met Hillary
92 Movie pooch
93 See 5-Down
94 Anaïs ___ "The Novel of the Future"
97 Friction
101 A. "Mommie Dearest"
B. "Lonesome Dove"
C. "Angela's Ashes"
D. "Times to Remember"
106 Pot top
107 Mrs. Chaplin
108 Like an early-evening sky
109 "___ Crooked Trail" (1958 western)
110 Preceding, in verse
111 Singer with wings
112 Not thinking well
113 Spell
114 From, in France
115 "Sure, I'm game"
116 Staggering
117 Within: Prefix

DOWN

1 Gemstone
2 Oven maker
3 [I'd like some oats over here ...!]
4 Chisel
5 With 93-Across, words of delight
6 Actresses Dana and Judith
7 Besmirches
8 Last question in this puzzle
9 "Rich Man, Poor Man" novelist
10 1953 A.L. M.V.P.
11 Composer Frederick
12 Customs request
13 Busy bodies
14 Disease-causing bacteria
15 Piano teacher's request, maybe
16 Mosaic piece
18 Hit the roof
19 1950's soldier, in brief
27 Like some seals
28 Awards for Asimov and Clarke
29 Put in a new medium
35 Start and end of a magician's cry
37 Emulates Regis?
38 Card game with a pool
39 "Haven't heard a word"
40 Land
41 One of Dada's daddies?
42 Indivisible
43 Very much
44 Subject of a Nash poem
45 Swung, nautically
51 ___ set
52 Problem ending?
54 Meadow sound
55 Resembling preserves
58 Certain photo
59 Faction
60 Ban locale?
61 Slice for a pizza?
62 Popular dot-com stock
64 ___ Bay, Philippines
65 Fall event
66 TV announcer Hall
67 Egg ___ yung
73 Perceive
74 Fastidious
76 County near Liverpool
77 Cause of some disturbances
78 Stern with a bow
79 For instance
80 Barely speak
82 Shudder, e.g.
84 Fished with a net
85 The Wright brothers, e.g.
86 Fatuous
87 Revamps
88 Tunneler
93 Noted Impressionist
95 "It's the truth"
96 Even so
98 Medicinal aid: Var.
99 Evil one
100 Muse for a lyricist
102 Holler
103 Unwanted guest
104 "___ done deal"
105 Gulped



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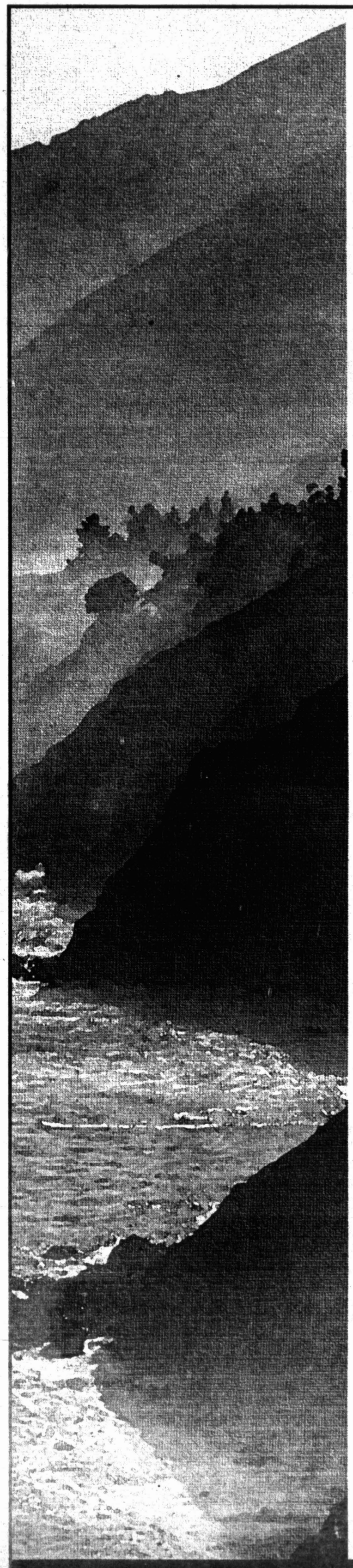

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- A water supply that is locally controlled, not subject to decisions made somewhere else based on the needs of water users elsewhere.

"Plan B" Contingency

While government agencies diligently study the environmental impacts of a replacement dam and reservoir, the CPUC is also studying a contingency known as "Plan B."

Some elements being studied for Plan B include:

- Restoring capacity at existing Carmel River reservoirs by removing accumulated silt;
- Pumping water into old or new wells, to hold water underground for use during dry months (called "injection and recovery");
- Desalination (removing salt from ocean water for use as drinking water);
- More aggressive conservation by water users.

The CPUC will hold public hearings to discuss Plan B. CPUC's staff and consultants will explain the costs and environmental issues of various options.

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MAIL BOXES

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Associated Press, the San Francisco Chronicle, ABC News and KQED public television — listening intently to the discussion. The New York Times carried a story about the mail delivery controversy in its Sept. 6 edition.

At the beginning of the council debate, McCloud revealed the results of her "unscientific, informal" post card survey and stacked two piles of cards on the dais in front of her — one much larger than the other.

"This is sort of like Miracle on 34th Street," McCloud joked as she explained the results of the poll: 481 residents voted to keep picking up their mail at the post office while 91 voted for delivery.

McCloud pointed out that many of the people who said they want home delivery were elderly and infirm people who have trouble making it to the post office every day.

Some Carmelites who spoke at the meeting defended their cherished post office tradition, while others argued for freedom of choice.

Speakers on both sides of the issue made note of the media invasion of Carmel.

"The reason the news media is so interested in this issue — not just locally or statewide, but nationally — is because Carmel could lose something that is irreplaceable," said David Maradei. "Like cable cars in San Francisco they wanted to replace. Once it's gone, it never comes back."

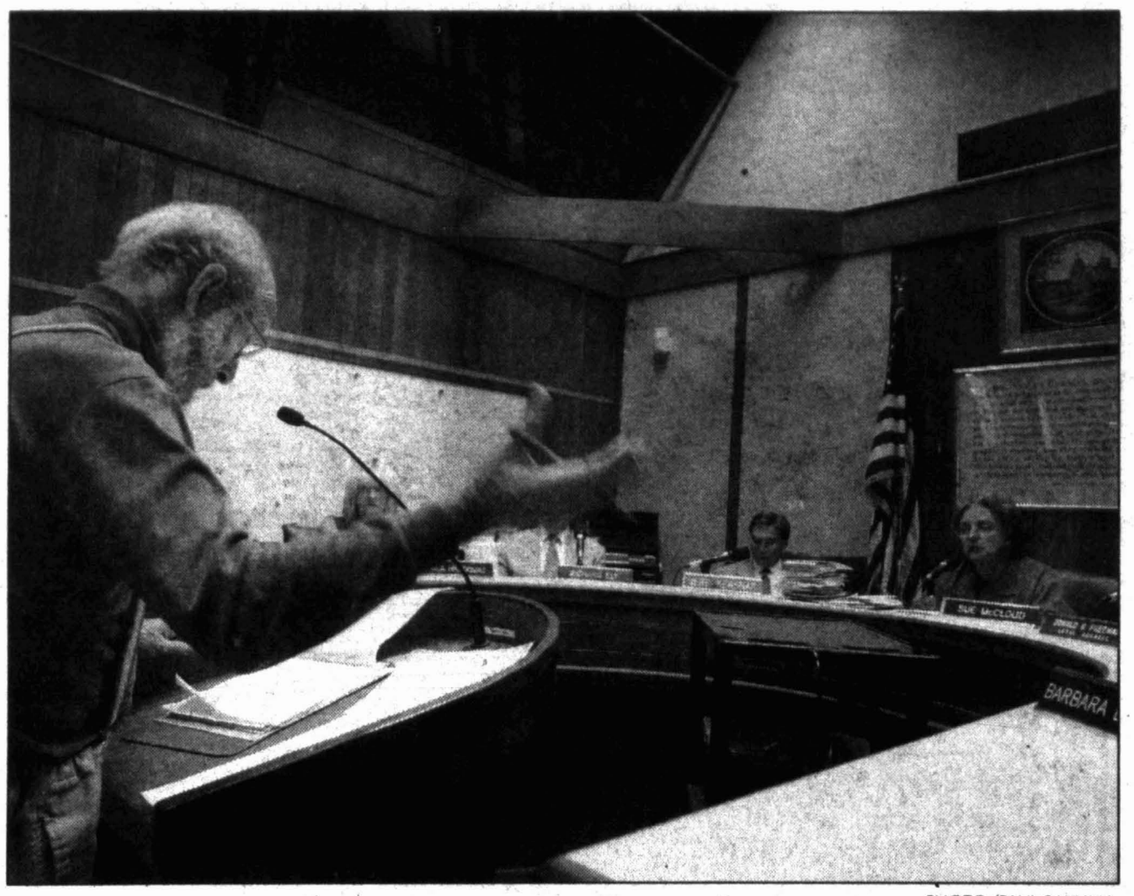
Other speakers said they were annoyed they have been forced to participate in a tradition they find inconvenient.

"I'm now in my 18th year of walking ten blocks back and forth every day to get my mail," said Roger Hudson. "I'm now approaching 80 years old and the legs wear out after awhile."

Carolina Bayne, who gathered more than 50 signatures in support of home delivery earlier this year, belittled the social aspects of the daily gathering at the post office on Fifth Street. "I don't need anybody to fill my dance card. I can do my own social calendar," she said.

Joe Steinfeld, who aggressively lobbied postal officials in San Jose and Washington, D.C., for street delivery, argued that the local "myths" against home delivery have been dispelled.

"The issue is not delivery but objection to mailboxes," said Steinfeld, who also made a brand-new assertion that "the postal department owes us front door delivery to every home."



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Activist Joe Steinfeld, who led a crusade for home mail delivery in Carmel, told the city council that nothing can intefere with "seven acts of Congress" requiring that home delivery be available. In front of Mayor Sue McCloud are stacks of "votes" for and against mail delivery.

Steinfeld also offered to publish his own street addressing system in the local papers.

Carmel Residents Association president Melanie Billig renewed her group's offer to take on the responsibility of delivering mail to Carmel's shut-ins and disabled.

"We're willing to go to that extent because we think it's such a critical issue for our village," Billig said.

Council member Gerard Rose made a motion that would have taken the CRA up on its offer. "We could work with the postal service to assign volunteers to take mail to people who want or need home delivery, thereby avoiding the whole conundrum of mailboxes," he said.

But the city council — concerned that Rose's motion would cause legal and liability problems — never voted on it.

The council's decision to take no action was unanimous.

After the meeting, postal spokesman Gus Ruiz said that postal officials will have a meeting next week to plan their next move.

"We don't want to force the community to do what it doesn't want to do," Ruiz said. "Carmel qualifies for home delivery, but we need a street numbering system to make it happen."

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Carmel Fire's brand-new Emergency One engine rolled quietly into town Aug. 31. It will become the department's first line of defense after about a month's worth of testing and personnel training.

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When it's your house on fire, this is the most important vehicle in the world

By MARY BROWNFIELD

WHAT WEIGHS 24,580 pounds, holds 500 gallons of water, is nine feet tall and 27-feet long, produces 450 horsepower and gets six miles to the gallon?

Carmel Fire's brand new fire engine, which pulled into the station for the very first time Aug. 31 after making the 3,000-mile trek from its manufacturer, Emergency One, in Florida.

Two other Peninsula fire departments, Cypress Fire's Rio Road station and the Pebble Beach Community Services District, also recently took delivery of slightly larger engines from the same maker.

The orders are not a coincidence. CFD Assistant Chief John Willett worked with Rio Road Captain Dan Frost to orchestrate the deal, which took about 13 months to complete, according to Willett. Each engine cost just over $300,000, they said.

And while that might sound like a lot, Frost added, "It's pretty important, and when it's your house on fire, it's the most important piece of equipment in the world."

The three new engines sport the newest technology, according to Willett and Frost, and meet the 2000 National Fire Protection Agency standards.

"It's a very safe unit — it has all the latest safety parameters — and a lot more fire fighting capabilities," Willett said. "It can carry a lot more rescue and medical equipment on board, and if we get a request to go out of the city for a major emergency, this will be the unit that goes."

When Carmel's city council approved the funding for the new engine more than a year ago, Willett said he met with the department to discuss the design of the new truck, and ended up trying "to fit 25 pounds of ideas in a 10-pound bag."

Emergency One builds engines to department specifications, right down to color — there are eight available shades of red, for instance — and countless custom shades that carry a higher price tag.

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Historic designation could happen despite residents' objections

By TAMARA GRIPPI and PAUL MILLER

PRESERVATIONISTS WHO want Carmel-by-the-Sea declared an historic district may succeed even if a majority of the city's property owners object, a state historian told The Pine Cone this week.

"If 51 percent of property owners object, Carmel cannot be put on the National Register of Historic Places," said Cynthia Howse, an historian with the Californian office of historic resources. "But if a National Park Service official decides the city meets the *criteria* for a national historic district, that would automatically put Carmel on the *state* list of historic places, which would trigger full protection of the city under the California Environmental Protection Act."

The Carmel Preservation Foundation, headed by activist Enid Sales, said last week that it was launching a drive to have Carmel declared a National Historic District. The move is Sales' latest strategy for overriding city council decisions that several of Carmel's older homes were not historic and could be demolished.

"The first thing she has to do is submit a detailed application explaining why the city should be declared an historic district," Howes said. "The staff will review it, and the state commission on historic places will review it, and all property owners will have an opportunity to comment on the proposed listing. Usually these things are done with their cooperation."

The city would meet the criteria for listing as an historic district, preservation experts say, if a large number of buildings meet any one of a number of standards, including that the buildings:

- are associated with events that have made significant contributions to the broad patterns of history;
- embody the distinctive characteristics of a type, period, or method of construction;
- represent the work of a master;
- possess high artistic values; or
- represent a significant and distinguishable entity whose components may lack individual distinction.

"There are so many different varieties of things that come in, it's hard to cover all the possibilities that might arise," said Maryln Bourn Lortie, another historian with the State Historic Register.

Districts that represent a theme and "a time when that theme was important," are good candidates for the distinction, Lortie said.

"You could say all the Comstock cottages could make up an historic district, linked together thematically through the builder," said Kathryn Gualtieri, a member of the city's historic preservation committee, who is California's former historic preservation officer.

Gualtieri also said that Carmel's commercial core would probably be a candidate for a district. "The commercial area of Carmel really conveys a sense of time and place to the visitor," Gualtieri said. "When you walk up Dolores from Ocean Avenue, you can't help but see Carmel in the 1920s."

While state and national guidelines allow private groups or individuals to nominate any city, any district or any building in the state for an historic designation without the cooperation of property owners or city officials, Gualtieri believes that "the most successful endeavors happen when people work together in conjunction with the city."

The pursuit of a Carmel historic district "is doable," Gualtieri said, but a professional historian should be involved to advise the community and city officials.

"What is needed is a professional surveyor, a consultant who can come in and look at the data that has been collected and look with the community at where potential historic districts could be," Gualtieri said. "With a professional opinion, we can make the best decision."

Ralph Tober, another member of the city's historic preservation committee, said that while "on the surface [the historic designation for the city] sounds like a great idea, I want to know all the ramifications, how it could tie people up."

Enid Sales and others who have disagreed with recent Carmel City Council decisions that some buildings were not historic and could be demolished, believe that such a designation is necessary to protect Carmel's older homes.

But Carmel residential designer John Mandurrago believes that the preservation activists are using "ambiguous state laws to dilute the word 'historic'."

"Every house in this community has some history, a little story. I think you'd be hard pressed to find a house not inhabited by someone interesting at some point or another," Mandurrago said. But he argued that such associations shouldn't be enough to trigger federal or state control over what happens to every building in Carmel.

Howes said that after staff review of an application to declare Carmel an historic district, a public hearing would be held by the nine-member state commission on historic places.

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P.G.'s storm drain system a big below-ground mystery

By ROSE EVERS

IF PACIFIC GROVE residents thought their sewer system was a mess, wait till they get a load of the storm drain system.

According to a report presented to the city council at its Sept. 6 meeting, large sections of storm drain pipes are crumbling and some areas of the city have no drains at all.

The city's storm drains were apparently installed willy-nilly, following no system at all.

"The storm drain system in the City of Pacific Grove has expanded over the years without established criteria or a master plan," according to the report.

It details a grim scenario: a patchwork of deteriorating pipes that crisscross the city, dumping storm water indiscriminately. In some cases, lines cross private property. Sharps dips at some intersections — intended to channel storm water — are hazardous to pedestrians, cyclists and drivers alike.

The price tag to fix the city-wide mess is a black hole: an estimated $5 million.

"It takes a lot of courage to get the bad news all at one time," remarked City Manager Ross Hubbard, referring to the plethora of studies the council has received detailing Pacific Grove's needs. A comprehensive study of the flaws in the city's antique sewer system is expected at the council's first meeting in October.

Mayor Sandy Koffman said the council has taken a lot of heat for commissioning studies that some residents say will just gather dust on a shelf. But she says the studies were necessary.

"I believe you can't fix it if you don't know what to fix," Koffman said.

The report also recommends that the city spend an estimated $25,000 to videotape portions of the drain system to determine a long-term plan on how best to fix it.

The storm drain master plan will be one part of an overall capital improvement campaign the city intends to start at the beginning of 2001, said Koffman.

The last time the city looked at its storm drains was back in 1977, when somebody hand-drew a map of the system.

"It's time to stop ignoring needs that have been deferred for decades," said Koffman.

Still safe to use a weed-eater in Pacific Grove

By ROSE EVERS

IRATE RESIDENTS waiting for the city to ban loud leaf blowers in Pacific Grove are going to have to keep their windows shut a bit longer.

The council rejected a recommended ban at its Sept. 7 meeting because it included weed eaters and hedge cutters as well.

Leaf blower committee member Barry Raybould told the council that the ban was essentially a modification of the noise ordinance and that's why the additional gardening tools were added.

"Whether the noise comes from a leaf blower or weed whacker it makes no difference to the person hearing it," explained Barry Raybould, a member of the leaf blower committee.

The committee reported that second hand noise is just as dangerous as second hand smoke, causing an "increased risk of heart attacks, raised blood pressure levels, gastrointestinal disorders, stress, sleep disturbance, hearing damage, learning difficulties in children and other health-related problems."

Indeed, the machines seem to get resident

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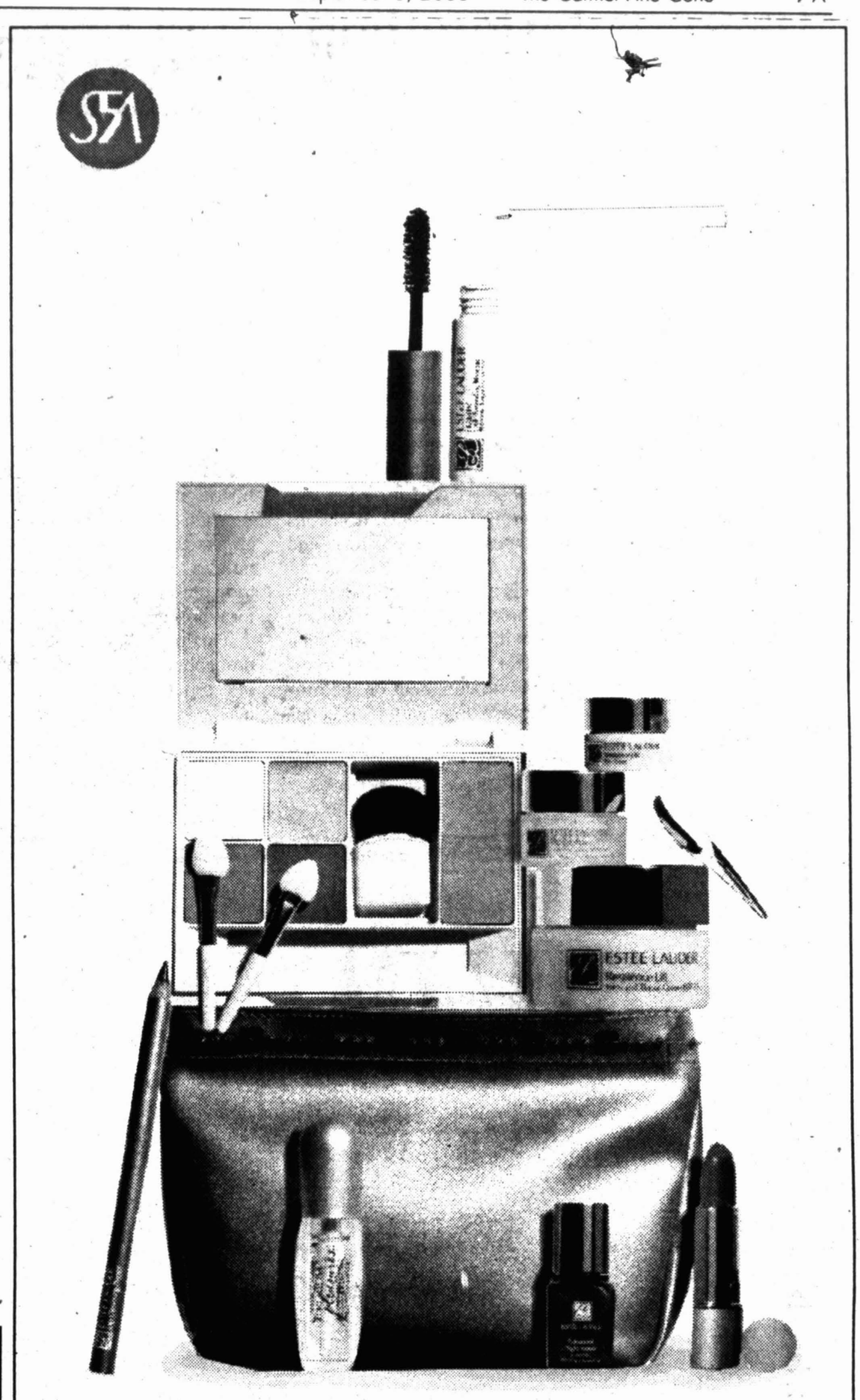

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Carmel Valley

Pacific Meadows' low-cost meal program loses funding

By MARY BROWNFIELD

LOW-COST meals may no longer be available to residents of a Carmel Valley senior housing project, after a decision by the American Baptist Homes of the West Foundation to stop paying for the program.

A foundation representative told residents Aug. 31 that it would no longer provide grant money for Meadow Harvest, which serves anywhere from 40 to 80 of Pacific Meadows' 240 residents, said chef Harry Brudnick, who heads the volunteer-run dining room. The Baptist foundation plans to lease a new van for Pacific Meadows residents instead of paying for the subsidized meals, Brudnick said.

"The residents were pretty angry" when they heard the news, he added. "They felt abandoned."

American Baptists Homes of the West, an Oakland-based nonprofit corporation that manages Pacific Meadows, will continue to lease the dining room to Meadow Harvest for $1 a year and pay for electricity and gas.

But ABHOW Foundation's withdrawal of grant funds could put the meal program under.

"If I can make it at the end of the month, I'll make a menu for the following month," he said. "And if not, I'll have to tell these people the food service is over."

That would be a blow to Pacific Meadows residents who live alone or cannot make their own meals.

"I can give them an albacore tuna sandwich for $2," Brudnick said. "They can't even make that in their own kitchen for $2."

Leonard Kelly, director of planned giving for ABHOW Foundation, said the decision to pull funding from Meadow Harvest was not because the program lacks merit, but because it intends to pay for Pacific Meadows to lease a new, wheelchair-accessible van instead.

"It was mutually agreed upon by the administrators of the affordable housing communities that transportation was vital," Kelly said, referring to three communities managed by ABHOW. "It was decided that would be the priority."

Meadow Harvest will be looking for other funding sources to continue providing inexpensive meals five days a week.

Even the residents — some of whom have no money to spare, according to Brudnick — have been making donations to keep Meadow Harvest open.

"We'll struggle, but we'll continue, because that's what we're here for," he said. "They threw a challenge at us, and we'll meet it."

Western hoedown at CVPOA picnic

THE CARMEL Valley Property Owners Association annual picnic — this year, an "awesome Western hoedown and barbecue," according to event chair Barbara Smith — will be held Sept. 10 from noon to four at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club.

"I was thinking that if ever I get the opportunity to put it together, I would love to make it so much fun and have everyone relax and have a good time, because we work so hard so much of the time," said Smith.

She's put together an afternoon full of music, Western dancing instruction, family games and prizes, face-painting, trick-roping and horse-saddling demonstrations, and arts and crafts.

Members will bring a side dish — which means they should arrive at noon, Smith said, to make sure the food is in place when people want to eat — and barbecued chicken and tri-tip will be served.

The cost is $6 for adult CVPOA members, $2 for kids and free for anyone wishing to join the property owners association. Rumor has it that 5th District Supervisor Dave Potter will be there, sporting the association's Indian headdress, according to Smith.

Smith said the CVPOA "does things to make residents understand that being involved in a community is what matters — to know what's going on in order to make good decisions for you and your family."

Look inside a dinosaur egg at Discovery Day

THIS YEAR'S version of Discovery Day will allow school kids "to actually see inside a fossil dinosaur egg and be able to explore the 3D shape and structure of an unhatched animal that lived 60 million years ago — a truly mind-blowing experience."

So says PBS producer Peter Baker about the latest offering at the Naval Postgraduate School's annual science day.

In addition to the dinosaur eggs, students will experience new activities on virtual reality, robotics, remotely operated vehicles, and high-power rocketry .

Discovery Day will be held Saturday, Sept. 9 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. at NPS in Monterey

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Forty-five days before that hearing, all property owners in the proposed district would be notified.

"Every property owner gets a vote," Howes said. But she cautioned that an objection to the proposed listing has to be filed via a notarized letter sent to state or federal officials. Anyone not expressing a written objection is presumed to support the listing.

"No application has been filed, but when it is, property owners will get their chance to express themselves," Howes said.

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Society offers rare look inside remarkable Carmel homes

THE CARMEL Heritage Society will hold a tour of exceptional Carmel homes and gardens Sunday, Sept. 24. The tour, which takes place from 1 to 5 p.m., will include the 1940s-era Frank Lloyd Wright house designed "to be durable as the rocks along the coast and as transparent as the waves," according to the society.

Another home, a 1932 post adobe home, features a great collection of early California art and antiques. A third home, built in 1922, sports a redwood bark exterior.

Francis Whitaker's blacksmith work adorns one home, on the same property as the Door House, built originally of 35 solid four-panel doors.

The tour also visits two houses built by M.J. Murphy, one of Carmel's first home builders. The First Murphy House, built in 1902, houses the Carmel Heritage Society office and, currently poet Don Blanding's works. Refreshments will be served at the First Murphy House.

Tickets are $25 in advance ($20 for members), $30 at the door ($25 for members). A $50 patron's ticket includes the tour, plus champagne brunch at Il Fornaio from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be available on the day of the tour at the Wright House, 26336 Scenic Road, and at the First Murphy House at Lincoln and Sixth. For information or to purchase tickets, please call 624-4447.

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

The Frank Lloyd Wright-designed home, jutting out from Carmel Point, appears to be a ship being launched into the Pacific at Carmel Bay. The interior, in many ways, resembles a ship's interior, with a small, galley-like kitchen, and guestrooms similar to staterooms off a long corridor leading to a more spacious master bedroom.

WEED-EATER

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Peter Hughes's blood boiling. He wrote to the council that leaf blowers are ruining his life and called the use of them "selfish, arrogant, unfriendly and unnecessary."

"I have had my work interrupted, my peace disturbed, my leisure time destroyed; I have suffered continued harassment at the hands of these so-called gardeners," claimed Hughes. The ban wouldn't have outlawed all leaf blowers, weed whackers and hedge cutters, just those with the capability of exceeding a certain decibel level deemed unacceptable by the World Health Organization.

But council members didn't like the idea of banning the tools without notifying the gardening professionals who use them, and some residents said the ban just went too far.

"I use my gas powered weed eater about twice a year. How far can you carry this? I want to know if those of us who own these things are going to be compensated," said council candidate Dan Miller.

Grove Homescapes owner Beau Finklang says his neighbors have complained a dozen times about laughter and loud conversation at his business.

"What's the difference between sound and noise?" asked Finklang.

The council sent the ordinance back to the leaf blower committee with the proviso that weed whackers and hedge cutters be left out and that landscaping professionals be notified when the ordinance returns to council.

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Observatory caretaker stares down crowd of marauders

By KIRSTIE WILDE

AS CARETAKER at the Oliver Observing Station, Ivan Eberle occasionally is accosted by uninvited visitors who trek up to Chews Ridge for a look through the 36-inch telescope owned by the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy.

But none has ever attempted to trash the place like the nine marauders that swooped into the observatory this summer, hanging out on the steel superstructure and leaving the marks of their juvenile vandalism on the railings.

PHOTO/COURTESY IVAN EBERLE

Beak damage inflicted on weatherstripping and talon-chipped roof flashing were the last straw: Caretaker Ivan Eberle was ready to bring out 'the big gun' to discourage delinquent California condors from making the observatory their gang headquarters. Note the radio transmitter antennae protruding from the shoulders of the two lurking at left.

And this group of intruders, with their menacing stares and their 10-foot wingspan, posed an additional challenge: They had diplomatic immunity from prosecution. In fact, any attempt to grab, arrest or even muscle them out of the place could be a violation of the Endangered Species Act.

Nine California Condors, more than one-sixth of the world's wild condor population, swooped from the sky June 10 onto the observatory.

"Within minutes they began shredding weatherstripping and plastic sheeting with their beaks," Eberle reported. "Large talons chipped paint when they gripped metal flashings at the edge of the roof."

Worried that the gigantic scavengers would destroy cables and power cords for the telescope, Eberle ran to close up the entrance to the observing floor and control room.

Meanwhile, in the distance, he could hear someone target practicing with what sounded like a pistol or rifle. Although annoyed at the damage the condors were wreaking on his observatory, Eberle didn't wish the "ultimate punishment" for any of the unruly flock, so he babysat them until he could get advice from the Ventana Wilderness Society's condor expert, Joe Burnett.

"Joe called for the ID numbers [on the birds' tags] and informed me that this group was from the Sespi sanctuary population north of Los Angeles, and did not belong to the better-behaved Big Sur population," he said.

Burnett recommended that the condors be "discouraged" with a garden hose, since they turn their beaks up at, but can't be injured by, taking a shower. However, showering is a luxury at the observatory — all water has to be either hauled in or captured from rainfall in the cistern — and there was none to spare.

"Because the water was already low in the cistern, with a tour scheduled for the next day, I decided on shooing them away instead," Eberle said.

The caretaker, who lives inside the observatory, tried to give a realistic picture of the challenge at hand: A big crowd of naked-necked, 10-foot reach, ripe-meat eaters "with attitude sufficient to drive coyotes away from carcasses" faced the lone, unarmed man. He furiously flapped his own appendages — sized pitiably by comparison — and hollered "Beat it, buzzards!"

Finally the crowd was dislodged and sailed down slope a few miles before returning to the observatory roof 15 minutes later.

"It was a game the vultures had evidently played before," Eberle decided. And when they returned again the next morning, it became clear to Eberle that "the condors were enjoying their little make-the-caretaker-dance-and-yell game" and might just move in.

Together with the Ventana Wilderness Society experts, Eberle hatched plans for an all out assault with a "large-caliber super-soaker squirt gun, an escalation of tactics necessitated by the open-house tour scheduled that very afternoon."

But the vultures apparently saw the writing on the railing. It was time to eschew Chews Ridge before the water cannon arrived.

They haven't returned, but Eberle will be well-armed if they do.

About the photographer

Ivan Eberle, an accomplished wildlife photographer who captured the photos of the condor invasion, coincidentally has a show running at the Pacific Grove Museum of Natural History until the end of Sept. You can view his photographs daily except Monday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. With scorpions blown up to lobster-size and a stunning Checkerspot butterfly on wood mint among the photos, the "Wee Wildlife" show is well worth a visit.

Ivan Eberle

The Golden Years

By Myles Williams

'Silent strokes' are different than larger strokes. In fact, silent stroke victims often don't realize that they have had a stroke. There are no danger signs, as with larger strokes, such as severe headaches, dizziness, and loss of motor skills, when small blood vessels in the brain become blocked or ruptured. Now researchers say there is a link between silent strokes and depression. A silent stroke increases a patient's risk of significant symptoms of depression by forty percent; according to Dr. David Steffens, assistant professor of psychiatry at Duke University, and lead author of the study, "It points to the need for detection of depression in older people. If there]s depression, there may be changes taking place in the brain."

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Animal activist and former actress Brigitte Bardot, now sixty-five, relinquished her film career back in 1974, but with her animal rights organization she still has quite a production. With a total of 43,000 members in forty-one countries,Bardot spends her time protecting the rights of all things furry and feathered. It all began twenty years ago when Ms. Bardot protested the clubbing of baby seals in Newfoundland. She felt comfortable expressing her love for animals, large and small, and she started a foundation. For more information, contact www.foundationbrigittebardot.fr/uk/index.html.

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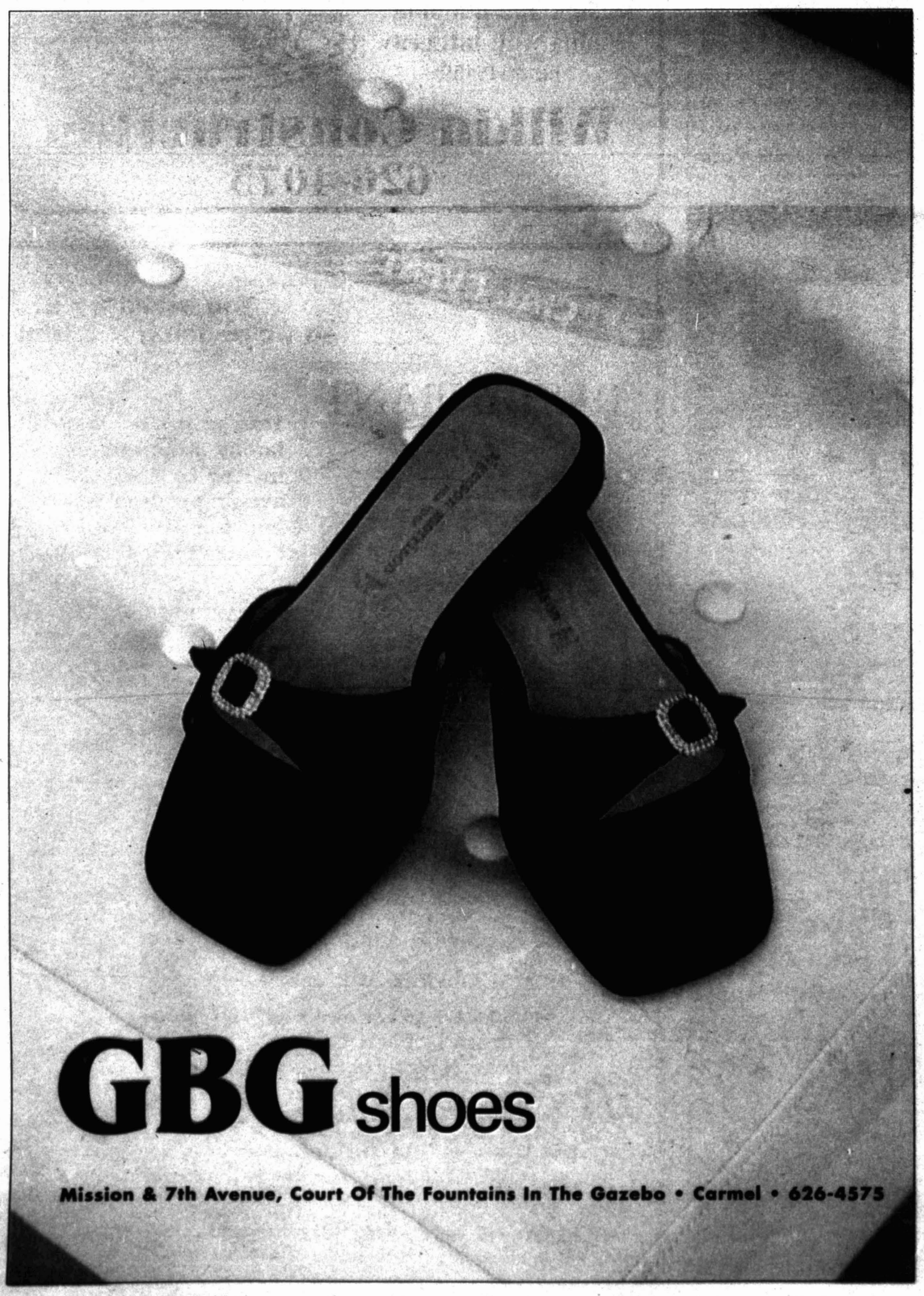

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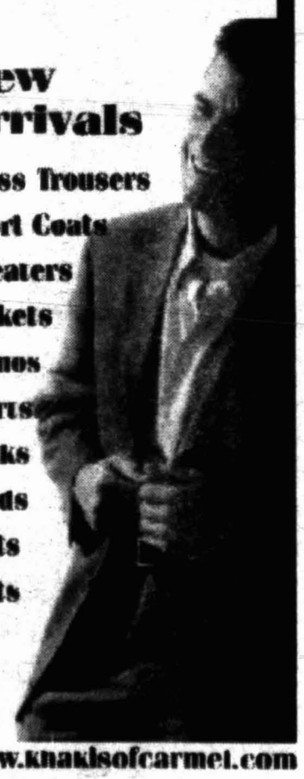

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Could underground requirement increase building height?

By TAMARA GRIPPI

THE DESIGN Traditions project's "garden level" requirement — perhaps the most debated aspect of the entire plan to revamp Carmel's zoning rules — raised new questions from professionals in town about how building half a room underground could actually result in taller homes.

The garden level proposal, requiring builders to put 200 square feet of an 1,800-square-foot house underground, was recommended by consultant Noré Winter, a citizen steering committee and the planning commission.

At one of the many city council study sessions of the proposal, held Aug. 28, Carmel Principal Planner Brian Roseth addressed the basic issue.

"We've defined the garden level as not being a story, since it's half underground," Roseth said. "So if you put two stories on top of it, you basically have three floors and two-and-a-half stories in height."

Some professionals in town have pointed out that by requiring the garden level, the city might inadvertently be increasing the height of some buildings — those houses with two stories stacked above the garden level.

"It may not do what they want it to do," said Carmel builder Chris Tescher. "It might produce some pretty bizarre architectural features and they're going to have to change the existing ordinance."

Tescher pointed out that the five feet above ground portion of the garden level, when added to the eight feet of the first story, would exceed existing height limits.

"We're going to have to raise the plate height limit to make it work," Roseth said. "We'll need to have a 13-foot plate on the first story and probably will need to go to 22 feet on the second story plate."

"Plate height" is the height of walls which support a second story or the roof.

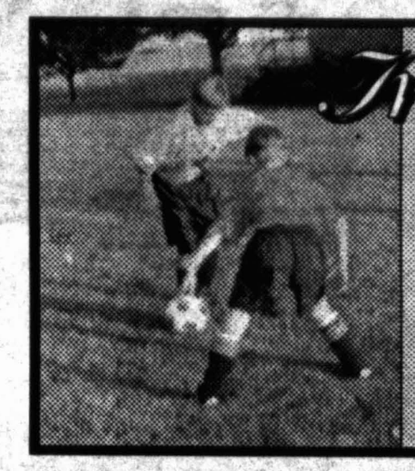
The city's planner pointed out that the garden level requirement is only a problem when two stories are stacked above the garden level, not when the upper levels are offset from the garden level.

The Design Traditions steering committee chairman Pope Coleman, said that some problems may arise, but the whole project will require a "learning period of a year."

"I hope that the council will be patient with the administration and the planning commission as we learn to operate with this thrilling new system," Coleman said.

Three years ago, the city council launched the $75,000 design traditions project to revamp regulations for home building in the village amid complaints that homes were becoming too big.

While the design traditions ordinance proposes many new changes to the city's design regulations, the garden level requirement has captured the most attention.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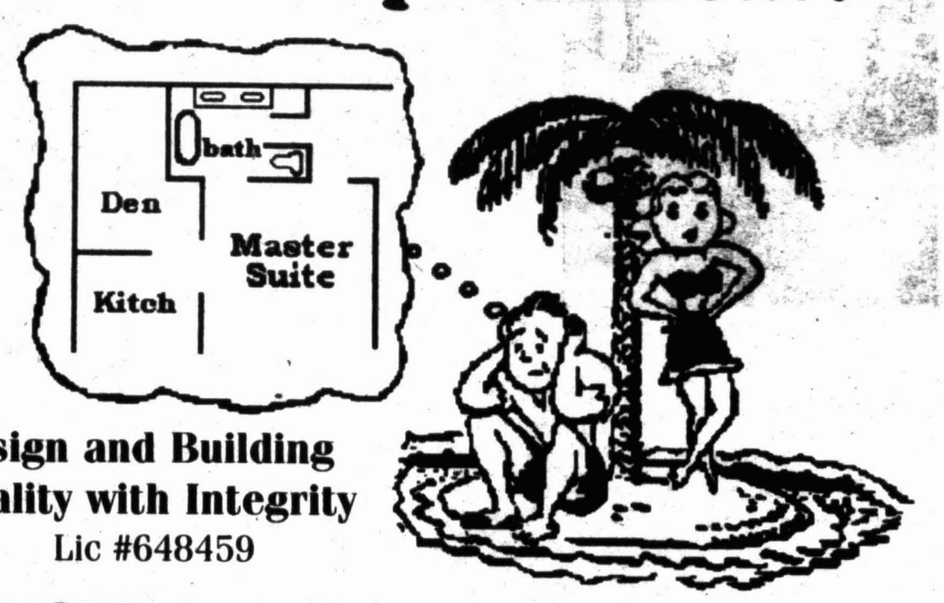

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WILL

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forgery, with enhancements of aggravated white-collar crime and financial abuse of an elderly person. If convicted, Brugger faces 20 years in prison, according to Monterey County Assistant District Attorney Kenneth Doo.

The case of the death of 74-year-old Christine Swanson and her multi-million dollar estate was investigated by Carmel Sgt. Detective Pete Poitras and investigator Lynn Lincoln, who works in the D.A.'s new Adult Financial Abuse Unit.

Suspicions about the will

Swanson's will came to the attention of investigators after her death in April 1999, when two of her long-time Carmel area friends — Anita Campbell Mitchell and Robert Campbell — came to the Carmel police station with suspicions about how John Brugger managed to be named sole beneficiary of Swanson's estate. Some Campbell family members had been named as heirs in an earlier, unexecuted Swanson will, according to Doo, but were removed in the last will.

"They brought in the signature of one of the witnesses on the will and it looked like a problem," Poitras told The Pine Cone. "The 'witness' — who was Mr. Brugger's ex-wife — not only said she did not sign the will, but she said she'd never seen the will."

The ex-wife, Susan Ulrich of Monterey, testified against her former husband at the preliminary hearing.

Poitras and Lincoln found more red flags when they retrieved Swanson's original will on file with the court.

"If you look at it, you'll see white-outs, mark-overs, certain things were photocopies of handwritten words and inserted in the will." Poitras testified. "The allegation is that Brugger basically wrote the will himself, inserting what he needed to be in there" to remove the previous heirs and make himself the recipient of Ms. Swanson's two Carmel homes and other investments.

After Swanson's death, Brugger sold both of the homes — the one on Torres for approximately $1.2 million and another rental home in Carmel for $400,000 — and pocketed the proceeds from the will, totaling between $2.5 million and $3 million, according to Doo. (Poitras wanted to make it clear that the people who bought the two homes did so innocently and are in no way implicated in the case.)

PHOTO/PAUL MILLER

This home at Torres and Eighth Avenue in Carmel was the scene of a fire in late 1998, from which 74-year old Christine Swanson was rescued by Carmel fire fighters. She died four months later and the home, along with her entire estate, was willed to Carmel real estate broker John Brugger, who is now charged with forging her will and stealing her assets.

A search of Brugger's home at Torres and 8th Ave. turned up further evidence, according to Poitras, that Brugger was planning to take advantage of another elderly neighbor, 84-year-old Rene DuFour, who lives on the same street.

"The 13th felony count has to do with an attempt on Mr. Brugger's part to get Rene DuFour's estate," Poitras said. "In his home we found just about everything that had to do with DuFour's finances — completed, notarized and signed blank forms — which we believe was an attempt to do the same things to her."

Good guy and St. Bernard

Brugger's attorney, Bob Rosenthal, said the entire case is based on circumstantial evidence and his client is guilty of nothing more than fudging his ex-wife's signature on a document, which he maintains should be merely a misdemeanor. He believes Brugger sincerely wanted to help his elderly neighbors — by running errands, doing their shopping, taking them to doctors' appointments and helping them with financial planning — and that the notary who notarized Christine Swanson's signature on her will says the woman "adored Mr. Brugger, she loved him, she doted over him. She was so thrilled to be doing this [willing her estate to him] and there was no question in her mind that she knew what she was doing," Rosenthal said.

The notary may not have been entirely objective, however, because she had had business dealings with Brugger and was asked to notarize the will by him, not by Swanson.

Brugger was a member of Carmel's St. Bernards, an organization devoted to finding residents who are willing to watch over their elderly neighbors, so it would have been normal for him to be helping out both Swanson and DuFour. He is no longer a St. Bernard.

"We need to zealously protect the elderly," Rosenthal said. "The problem is that we have to realize there are people out there who are good neighbors and good friends and will help the elderly. We can't overzealously prosecute people simply because they helped someone" and were rewarded in a will. Rosenthal believes the family that cast suspicion on Brugger was angry because they didn't get anything in Swanson's will.

"They painted a picture of Brugger as a perpetrator of a crime as opposed to someone who helped someone out for a number of years before her death," he said.

Regarding the notarized, blank documents found in Brugger's house and the white-outs and photocopied changes in Swanson's will, Rosenthal said his client simply hated hiring lawyers and tried to reuse documents from DuFour's estate for Swanson and for his own father, who also died recently.

"He's guilty of playing lawyer, and being stupid, that's all," said Rosenthal.

Swanson had been in the news shortly before her death, when several Carmel firefighters were lauded in The Pine Cone as heroes for carrying her out of her burning home on December 8, 1998. She suffered smoke inhalation and burns, and lived only four more months. According to Poitras, there is no suggestion that there was foul play in the fire, or that she died from anything except natural causes.

Brugger's arraignment is scheduled for Sept. 27 in Monterey County Superior Court.

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OONA-BY-THE-SEA, left, 11-month-old yellow Lab, was so excited when SEAMUS-BY-THE-SEA was introduced into the Luke/Kunitz Carmel family as her brand new baby brother, she assumed Seamus was a personal gift.

Even though Seamus, now four months, was just a toddler at the time, the siblings began rough-housing almost instantly, and there has been no let-up yet. In the general melee of playtime, furniture – as well as Mom Lucy – have been known to be inadvertently knocked over. Dad Saul, however, remains on guard and resolutely upright during their boisterous buffoonery.

Feline siblings Chutney, Whoopie, Hershey and Baby Kitten find the dogs a bit much, and magically disappear when they swarm into sight. Wabbit, on the other hand, is interested in the dynamic duo in a nonchalant kind of way, but as she is a Holland dwarf rabbit of advanced years, she declines to participate actively in their shenanigans.

Oona, now a strong swimmer, learned natation in the surf at Carmel Beach – where she dotes on swimming full circle around Boogie Boards – and in the mesa pond at Garland Park. Seamus, on the other hand, is still in the paddling stage of his swimming lessons, but is a competent hiker.

Oona collects and plays with pine cones and sticks, while little Seamus carries about a favored stuffed Koala bear, with whom he also sleeps.

Bedtime is the only respite from non-stop activity, and at day's end, Oona and Seamus climb into their own little beds in Mom and Dad's room, where they sleep quietly through the night, gaining strength for the next day's rowdy horseplay.

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Master jeweler keeps the flame of classic tradition alive

By TAMARA GRIPPI

IN HIS jewelry shop on San Carlos Avenue, 80-year-old Orlando Feriozzi creates the most delicate works of art — roses sculpted out of gold, a swan created from a uniquely shaped pearl, a lotus blooming in jade.

A stroll through Feriozzi's shop shows amazing attention to detail. It took him years to match jade pieces to create the unique lotus. The master jeweler, who has worked at his Carmel shop for more than 20 years, follows the classic techniques of 18th-century craftsmen.

But Feriozzi says he isn't content to simply let his creations serve as his legacy. He wants to make sure that after he is gone, another generation will be trained as artist jewelers, sculpting the one-of-a-kind pieces out of the precious metals.

Over the years, Feriozzi has trained 15 apprentices on the Peninsula in the age-old art.

"To be a maestro you have to try to give out what you took," Feriozzi explained. "I want to continue to share what I know."

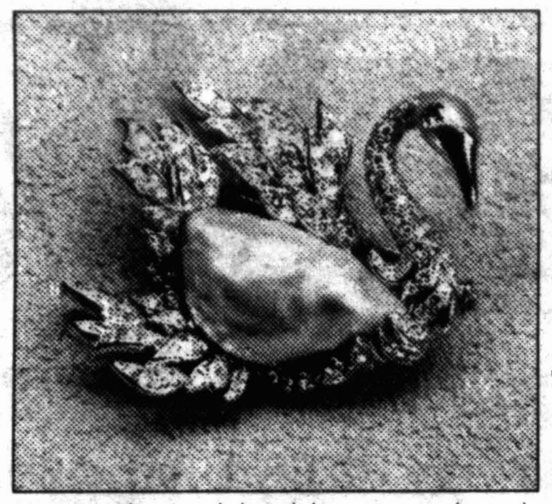
Feriozzi has spent nearly 70 of his eighty years dedicated to the profession of jeweler. At age 10 he began apprenticing with master goldsmiths in Rome.

After a long career in the ancient city, where he taught hundreds of apprentices over the years, Feriozzi emigrated to the U.S. in 1975 and started over, opening a "simple shop" in Carmel.

Feriozzi, who became an American citizen a few years later, is grateful to be in a place "with no government control" over his life and business.

The master jeweler is proud he's been able to teach so many young artisans "fabrication" — the art of hand-shaping the metal into delicate pieces of jewelry.

Nowadays, most jewelers use the process of lost wax casting. "They make the piece in wax and then make it to a mold and pour the gold into the mold," explained Jeremy Fenton, who studied with Feriozzi.



Feriozzi designed this delicate swan brooch with a little help from Mother Nature

The art of fabrication is a much more demanding method of making jewelry, Fenton explained. "You have to obey the rules of the metal. You have to work with the metal to make the piece in a particular way."

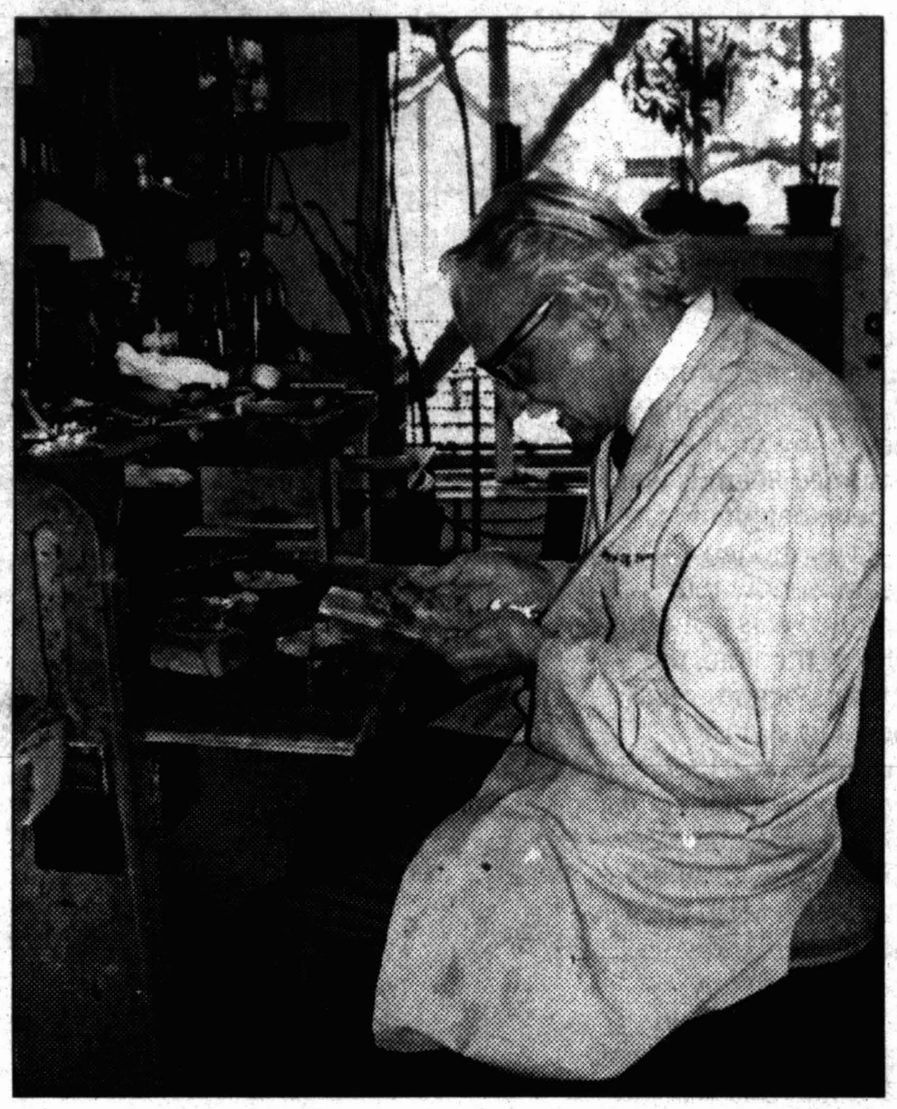
Fabrication jewelers will sometimes use heat to bend and shape the metal and often will cut a design directly out of a sheet of gold.

But technique is only part of the art, Feriozzi explained. Philosophy — "how to think and pray during work" — has much to do with how a piece turns out.

In an effort to encourage young artisans wanting to work in the classical tradition of jewelry making, Feriozzi founded California's Society of Santo Eligio, a non-profit organization of working jewelers.

Named after the patron saint of jewelers and modeled after the Santo Eligio Society in Italy, the group hopes to educate jewelers in the art of fabrication and bring together a community of jewelers.

Currently the members are working on a book on the art of fabrication which will highlight some of Feriozzi's greatest works.



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Five days a week, master jeweler Orlando Feriozzi creates one-of-a-kind pieces in the classical tradition. He is keeping the age-old art alive by training a new generation of apprentices.

"We want to let people know what an incredible jeweler Orlando Feriozzi is," Fenton said. "His pieces give you chills when you look at them."

Feriozzi, who just celebrated his 80th birthday, still works in his shop on San Carlos five days a week, creating his masterpieces.

When he's not busy in his workshop, his "laboratorio," he relaxes by tending to his garden in Carmel Valley.

"There's so much to do," Feriozzi said. "There's my garden and my laboratory, the vegetables and jewels."

FIRE TRUCK

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ly," he explained.

For instance, Carmel Fire's engine is smaller than the Rio Road and Pebble Beach units because of the geography of the city.

"We're a one-square-mile city and have hydrants on almost every single corner," he said.

A rare occasion

Carmel Fire last purchased a new engine in 1988, Willett said, and the lifespan of a fire engine is 30 years.

"A fire fighter can go through his whole career and not get a new engine," he said.

Frost said the contrast between the new Emergency Ones and engines just slightly older is impressive.

"All in all, it has little upgrades everywhere on everything," he said.

As soon as a department takes delivery of a new engine, it must be tested for any flaws, and the crew must be trained to use it. Generally, getting a new engine into service takes about a month, according to Willett.

Rio Road's engine went into service Aug. 31 — the day Carmel Fire took delivery of its new truck — and Pebble Beach began using its new E-One on Aug. 30, according to Frost.

"It's big and fast and holds a lot of water," said one P.B. fire engineer who didn't want to be named. "The other ones were fast too, but this one, because of the horsepower, it has some giddy-up."

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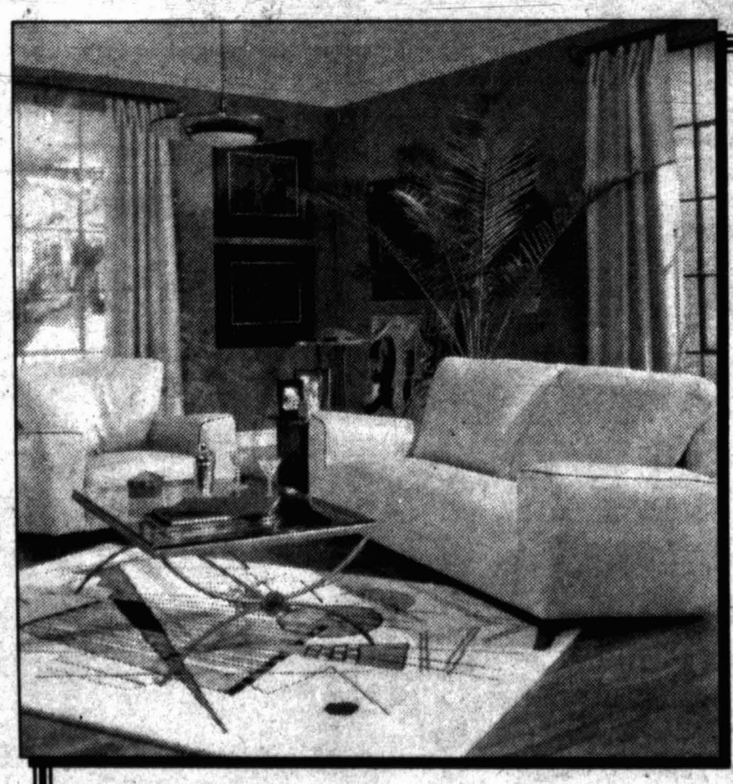

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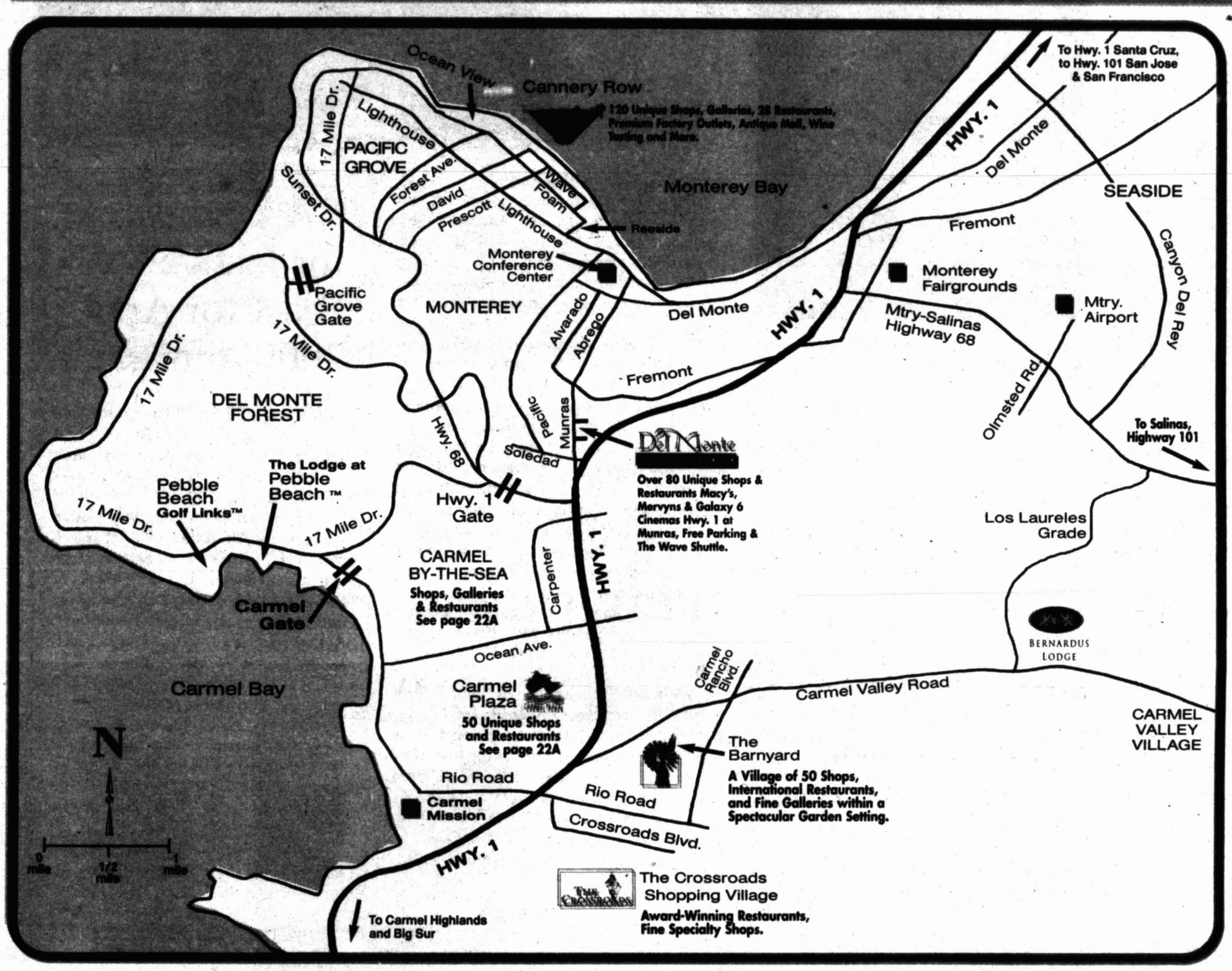

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Don Blanding's 'Vagabond's House' was aptly named:

Carmel's own vagabond 'comes home' in lecture, exhibit

By MARGOT PETIT NICHOLS

DON BLANDING — poet, graphic artist, actor, designer, columnist, vagabond, on-again-off-again Carmel-by-the-Sea resident/visitor of the 1930s, '40s and '50s — is almost certainly the only person ever to have an entire issue of The Carmel Pine Cone dedicated to and written about him

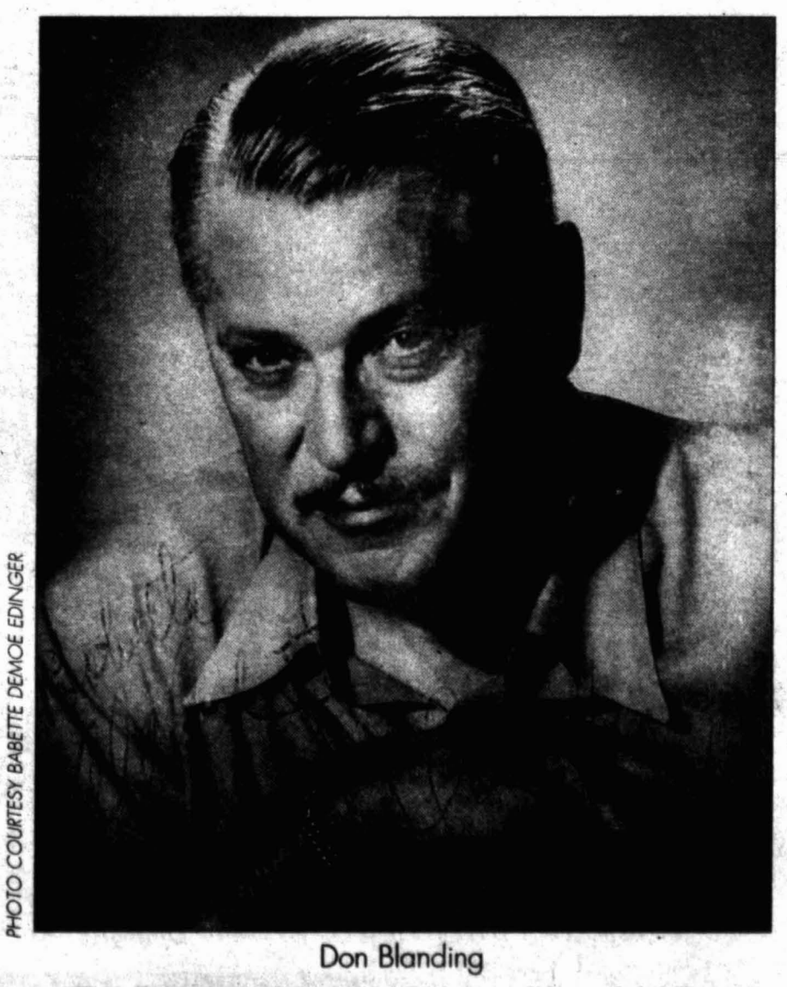
The 32-page edition of the March 5, 1937 Carmel Pine Cone devoted column after column to Blanding — with very little news interspersed — and advertisement after advertisement was dedicated to singing his praises or quoting Blanding's poetry and philosophy.

It would be no exaggeration to say that Carmel-by-the-Sea had a love affair with Blanding, and he with the village. What charisma must this man have had to captivate an entire town?

Blanding's poetry has never been acknowledged by academia or serious poets, but it captured the hearts of many back in the '30s, much as Rudyard Kipling's poetry does to this day. Blanding's verse could bring a tear to the eye of stalwart men without resorting to maudlin themes: He was a natural, rhymed versifier who used honest subject matter that spoke to the heart.

Two such current day stalwarts are Thomas Markle of Vacaville and Don Stewart of Carmel Highlands, who met, fortuitously, via the Internet when tracking auctions of Blanding memorabilia. The two men became acquainted and joined together to curate and co-host an exhibit and present a lecture on "Carmel's Vagabond — The Legacy of Don Blanding."

Sponsored by the Carmel Heritage Society, the lecture will take place at the First Murphy House here on Wednesday, Sept. 20, preceded by a reception at 5 p.m. Space is limited, and tickets, at $10 each, must be reserved by Sept. 9. The exhibit will be up through Halloween.



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Don Blanding

Kay Prine, a volunteer at Harrison Memorial Library's Local History Room and a board member of Carmel Heritage Society, became acquainted with Markle while he was researching material on Blanding. To his delight, he learned that Prine had met Blanding — "The only person I have interviewed who actually met Don Blanding," he told The Pine Cone. It was through Prine that the exhibition at First Murphy House came about. It will be the first West Coast Blanding exhibit and program ever presented.

A sampling of Blanding's creativity

Materials to be exhibited will include original artwork, photographs, all of his 17 books, Blanding's lyrics that were set to music scores, samples of rare and costly dinnerware patterns he designed while living in Carmel and produced by Vernon Kilns, letters, phonograph records, books with selections of his poetry and artwork from his books. The first of Blanding's books to be published by Dodd Mead in 1928, "Vagabond's House" — a collection of his poems with his own illustrations — will also be on display.

Markle said of Blanding, "He never stayed anywhere more than about two years, hence the [sobriquet] 'Vagabond Poet.'" As well as in Carmel, Blanding lived in Hollywood, Taos, Hawaii, New York and Florida.

Markle continued, "I am not a professional showman. I just have a burning desire to have Don Blanding recognized again. He has been lost since 1957 when he died in L.A. of a heart attack. His work is truly magnificent and deserving of a rebirth. That is my mission and goal. Carmel is a place he loved; he is still here and I believe much of his belongings are in Carmel somewhere — in basements, hanging on walls, in drawers and in chests in homes."

The 20-minute overview of Blanding will take place at 6 p.m. following the reception. Both Markle and Stewart will be on hand the following Sunday, Sept. 24, in Carmel's First Murphy House located on Lincoln near the northwest corner of Sixth Avenue. Tickets for the Sept. 20 lecture and reception may be reserved by calling 624-4447.

Bank throws one very popular party in Carmel Valley

TWO SISTERS are heard arguing over funeral arrangements for a 17-year-old Yorkie.

Not just any Yorkie, mind you, but their mom's, who had passed away some years earlier.

"I don't understand why you can't just bury him where mom's buried."

"No — I can't make a hole there, it's illegal!"

Pine Needles

By Sissi Maleki

"Well then, let's just sneak in there at night and do the digging and no one will know . . ."

"Are you crazy?"

"I'm not crazy — you're the crazy one who wants to cremate the poor dog and then *bury the ashes . . . why don't you just leave him alone . . . bury him in our backyard . . ."*

"No, the gophers will get him."

"So put him in a box and bury him."

"What's wrong with cremation? The Indians burn their dead all the time!"

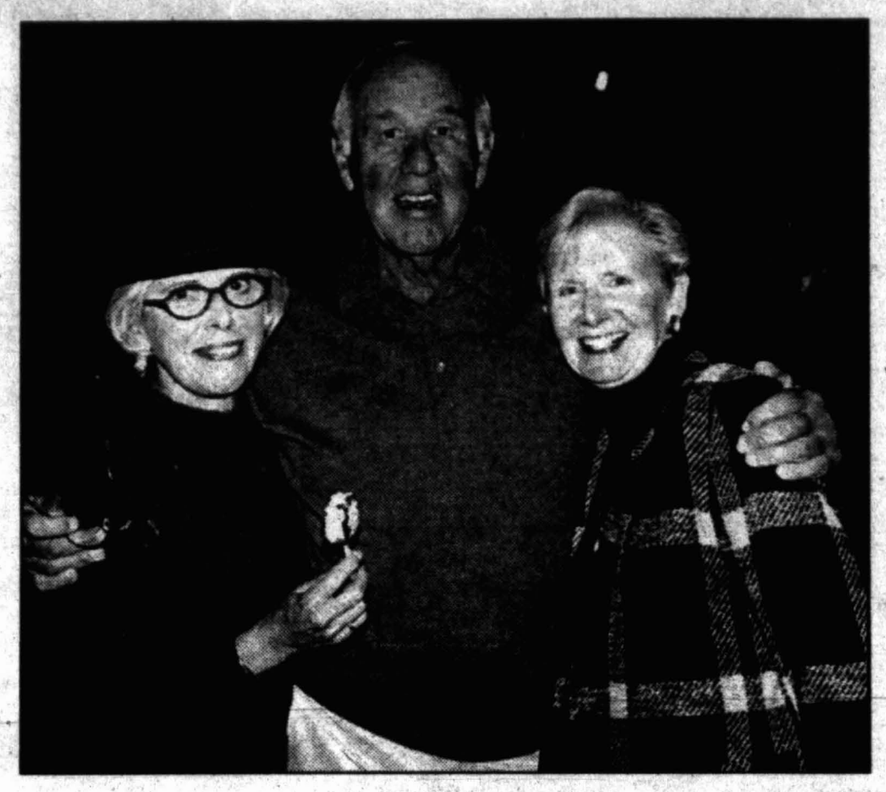
"What do I care for the Indians — I'm not Indian . . ."

"Well, that's the way I want to do it, and that's final."

Ashes to ashes, dust to dust . . . I think it makes perfect sense . . .

◀Loren List was feeling very proud being at the side of his granddaughter, Courtney Caneer, at First National Bank's annual barbecue.

▶Hank Loumena looked pretty good standing between Maggie Wagner and Roberta Lundin.



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ONE OF the most popular parties around is the annual **First National Bank Western Barbecue**, held at the Carmel Valley Trail and Saddle Club.

Held this year on Sept. 1, it's a party everyone wants to be invited to — which is probably why it gets bigger every year.

Hank Loumena was seen kidding around with **Roberta Lundin** and **Maggie & Jack Wagner**. "I'm trying to get noticed by the press, here," he joked. (Well, he certainly did.)

Another very noticeable couple was the gorgeous University of Idaho coed **Courtney Caneer** with the much-older **Loren List** — who happens to be her grandfather. "But don't reveal that she's my granddaughter," he said, winking. "It'll ruin my reputation!"

Loren was in the original group that began the First National Bank, so long ago.

"We started with a little idea," Loren recalled, "and it turned out to be a great one."

Bruce Dini came with girlfriend **Patty Fischer**. Bruce is one of the musicians in the popular local group, the Doodads. Of course, that's only when he wants to wind down from work.

Jody & Dianne LeTowt, chatting with **Jay Mahoney**, had brought along son **Eric**, who was visiting from San Francisco.

At one of the many tables of guests enjoying dinner, **Cyndie Russo** and her sister-in-law, **Kathy Runnoe**, were catching up with old friends **Toshia & Clark Struve**.

Kathy was telling them about a funny incident with her hubby, **Andy**.

"The other day I asked him to get me some flowers while he was at Costco," she recalled. "He suddenly looked alarmed and asked, 'Did I miss something? Our anniversary or something else?'" She had to reassure him that it was simply an innocent request.

Faye Messinger was with hubby **Ev**, who wore a very unusual Western-style top hat. "I got it at Sutter Creek," Ev stated. "I always use it and it gets so much attention!"

Rick & Martha Kennifer had just returned from a surfing trip in La Jolla with their kids **Sarah**, 16, **Katherine**, 13, and **Devan**, 11. "It was our last fling before the school year," Martha explained, adding, "Rick taught us all to surf a long time ago."

By the way, Sarah was just certified this past summer as a state lifeguard, no easy accomplishment.

Aloha Thomas (who swears she doesn't know why her parents gave her that first name) joined up with **Ruth Hobar** at the party.

"It's a really nice place to come," Ruth said. "And every year it gets bigger!"

Carmel council members **Gerard Rose** and **Paula Hazdovac** arrived together. But before any tongues start wagging, it should be said that not only is Paula good friends with Gerard's wife, but Gerard is very happily married and aims to stay that way!

It was definitely a merry evening . . .

CAA prepares for festive 'A Feast for Art 2000' dinner

BLACK TIES will be optional at a special dinner set in the Barney Segal gallery of the Carmel Art Association — surrounded by art and sculpture — on Saturday, Sept. 30.

The annual event, this year called "A Feast for Art 2000," will begin at 6 p.m. with hors d'oeuvres and cocktails and a silent auction featuring the art of CAA members, followed at 7:30 by the dinner catered by Tarpy's Roadhouse. A live auction of selected works will follow.

Tickets to the evening affair are $85 each and are limited to the first 100 reservations. Those thinking of attending will be pleased to hear there will be valet parking. Wheel chair access is now available to the gallery located on Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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Free jazz film and concert slated Monday

A free screening of the 1944 film, "Jammin' the Blues," and a concert by a combo from the Monterey Jazz Festival's High School All-Star Band will be presented at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Sept. 11 at the State Theater on Alvarado Street in downtown Monterey. Tickets will be given at the door on a space-available basis or in advance at Music Unlimited, 425 Alvarado St. For details, call 373-7678 or (925) 275-9255.

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WINEMAKER DINNER featuring the wines of Hahn Estates and Smith & Hook presented 7 p.m. Sept. 13 at Pascual's Restaurant, Junipero btwn. 5th & 6th, Carmel. Winemaker Art Nathan will present wines, paired with courses by owner Ray Pascual. $59 per person, tax and gratuity not included. Reservations: 624-2200.

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12TH ANNUAL MONTEREY COUNTY Artists' Studio Tour 2000 takes place 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sept. 23 and 24. Ninety Monterey County artists in all media will open their studios free of charge. Also free is the opening reception 5:30 p.m. Sept. 21 at the Monterey Museum of Art. Info: 372-372-8471 or visit: www.artist-equity.org

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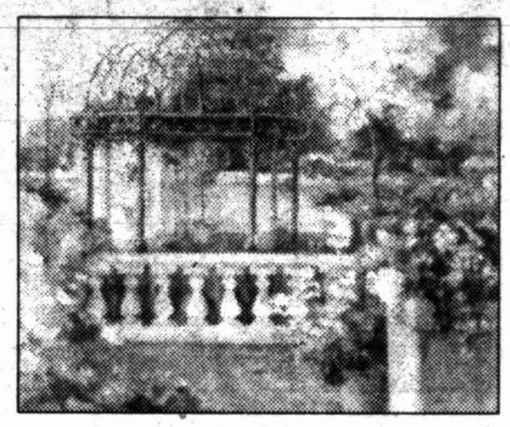
ARTHUR MILLER'S "A View from the Bridge" is staged Sept. 8-10 at the Capitola Theater for the Performing Arts, 120 Monterey Ave., Capitola. For tickets, call the box office 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 462-3131.



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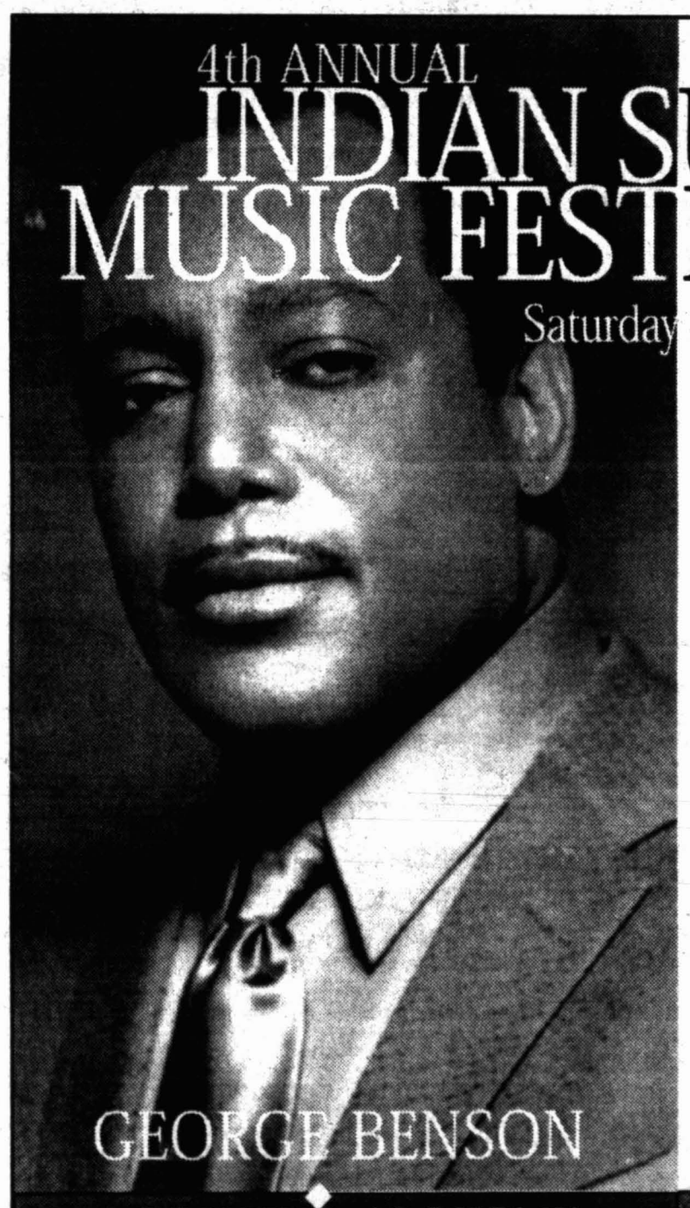

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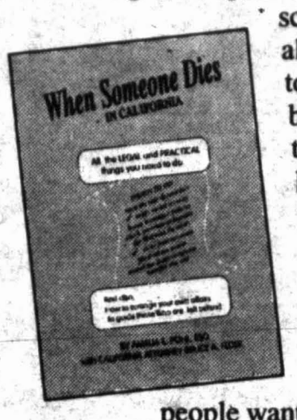
Once I got into **"When Someone Dies in California — All the legal and practical things you need to do,"** I could scarcely put it down. After all, we are all dying, so why not find out 1) how to make it easier for our loved ones before our time comes, or 2) how to take the reins handed off to us by a loved one whose time has come and gone.



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Co-author **Bruce Feder**, a partner in the San Francisco law firm of Kato & Feder, was for nine years an attorney with Legal Assistance to the Elderly, Inc. a San Francisco public interest firm serving the elderly exclusively.

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By Margot Petit Nichols

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DOROTHY GANDER, community relations coordinator at Sand City's Borders Books, who arranges all those wonderful book talks, thanked us for publicizing the Harry Potter essay contest for 7-to 14-year-olds in our column last month; They received 70 entries. Now Dorothy tells us there's a new contest afoot — this time for prekindergarten to Grade 4 — for an original drawing or story based on the soon-to-be-released book by Marc Brown, **"Arthur's Teacher Moves In."** The theme: "What would you do if your teacher moved in?" Pick up a flyer and registration form at Borders, 2080 California Ave., Sand City. Deadline is 9 p.m., Nov. 1. For information, call 624-8076.

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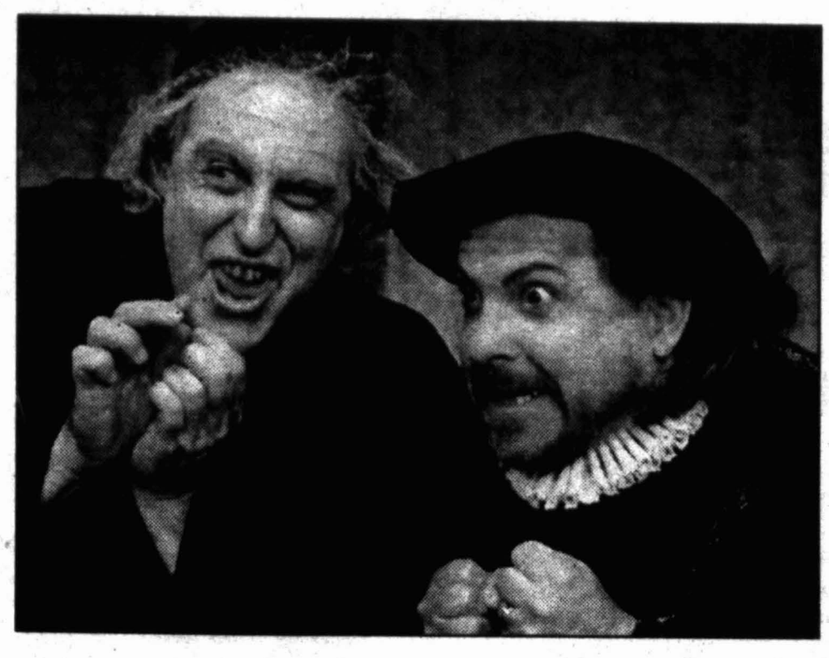

Michael Jacobs and Tim Hart appear in the Pacific Repertory Theatre staging of 'Volpone,' which previews at 7:30 p.m. Friday and opens at 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 8-9, in Carmel's Golden Bough Playhouse.

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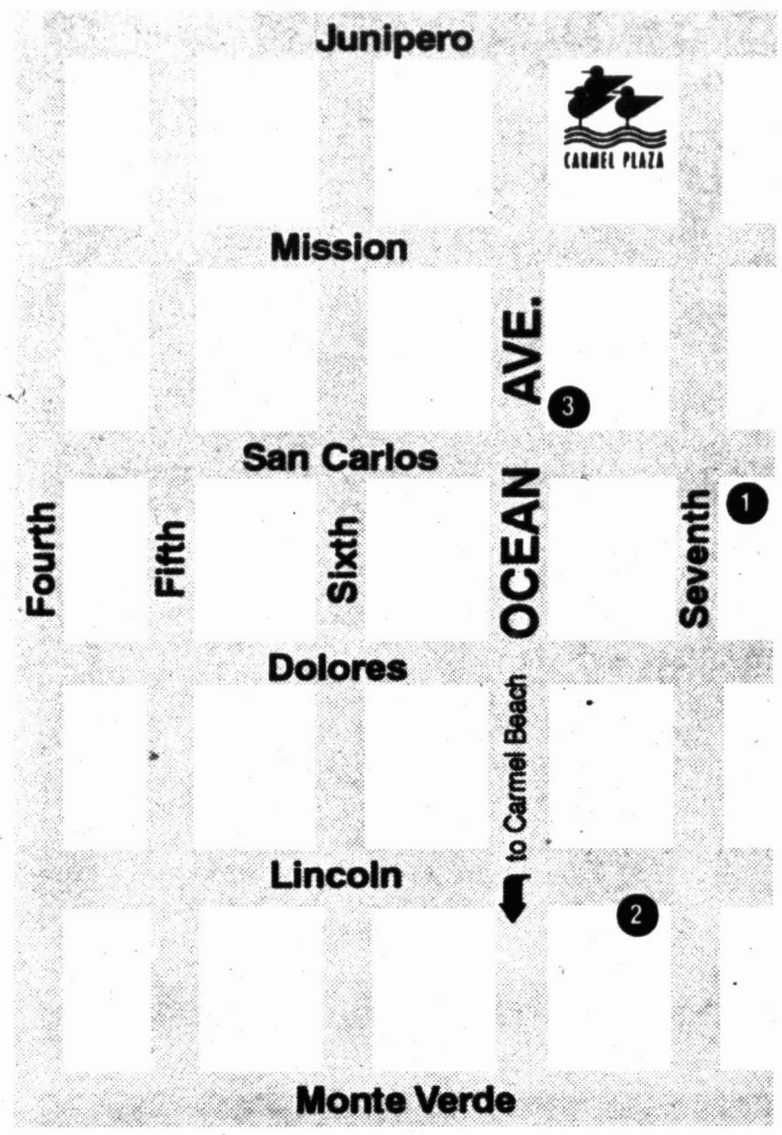

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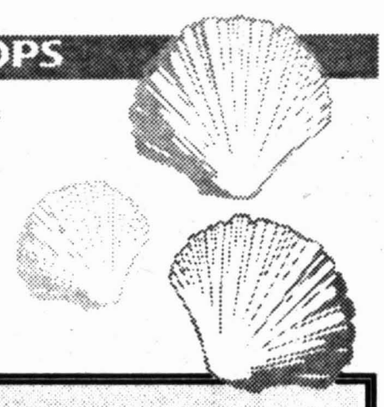

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Plugged In

By Stephen L. Vagnini

Six time all-Ireland fiddle champion and recipient of the Irish National Entertainment Award, Irish-born Hayes moved to Chicago in the 1980s where he met American guitarist Cahill. The pair formed a jazz/rock fusion band called Midnight Court and eventually returned to their traditional roots. News of their performances spread on both sides of the Atlantic and in 1997 they released their first recording, "The Lonesome Touch." Tickets are $16 in advance and $18 at the door. Call Barbara Murphy at 373-7379 for more information.

Other upcoming Portofino Presents shows include American folk singer/songwriter **Tom Russell** with guitarist **Andrew Hardin** on Saturday, Sept. 23; Windham Hill co-founder and solo guitar masters **Alex DeGrassi** and **Franco Morone** on Oct. 1; Americana folkie **Steve Young** on Oct. 14; and Celtic guitarist **William Coulter** on Nov. 4.

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Also at Morgan's this month, one of owner/proprietor Morgan Christopher's favorite acts, **Druha Trava** returns on Sunday, Sept. 17. The premier bluegrass band from the Czech Republic, Druha Trava is composed of five multi-instrumentalists, all with extensive backgrounds in jazz, blues, rock, country and classical. Showtime is 8 p.m. Call 642-4949, ext. 3 for more information.

Scheduled Sept. 15 to 17, the **Monterey Jazz Festival** (presented by MCI WorldCom) is as perennial as the Monterey Peninsula fog. Some 44 years young, the MJF is the longest running jazz festival in the world, and under the guidance of general manager Tim Jackson, the jazz party continues to get better and better with age.

This year Jackson has put together another exciting lineup: a sensitive, carefully thought out mix of traditional and contemporary jazz with a blockbuster Saturday blues performance thrown in for good measure. With more than 500 artists performing throughout the weekend on six stages, the Monterey Jazz Festival has something for every taste.

This year's headliners include vocalist **Dianne Reeves, Richard Bona, Ruben Blades**, former Doobie Brother **Michael McDonald, Keb Mo, Robben Ford, Roy Hargrove, Nicholas Payton's Armstrong Centennial Celebration**, a **Lou Rawls-Les McCann** reunion, **Wayne Shorter** (joined by the 20-piece MJF Chamber orchestra performing this year's commissioned piece) and the **Pat Metheny Trio** with special guests **Michael Brecker** and **Larry Goldings**.

Although most seats in the Main Arena are booked well in advance, an increasing number of main stage performers can be seen throughout the weekend at Dizzy's Den, the Night Club, the Garden Stage, the Courtyard Stage and the Coffee House Gallery.

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Some of my own personal hot picks outside of the Main Arena include Dianne Reeves at Dizzy's Den on Friday night; the Roy Hargrove Quintet and Nicholas Payton's Armstrong Centennial Celebration both on Saturday night at Dizzy's Den; the Sunday night Hammond B3 Blow Out, also at Dizzy's Den; a conversation with Ruben Blades Friday night at the Night Club; Brad Mehldau Sunday night at the Night Club; the entire Saturday afternoon performance at the Garden Stage with local John "Broadway" Tucker, the Charles Ford Reunion Band featuring Robben Ford, Keb' Mo' and the Johnny Basset Detroit Blues Review with Joe Weaver and Alberta Adams; and former Greyboy Allstar Karl Denson and his Tiny Universe on Saturday night at the Garden Stage.

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But five years later, to his surprise, the magic of the Monterey Bay drew him back to establish Robert Kincaid's Bistro on the Boulevard in Carmel. He told Morgan, "I'm thrilled to be here."

Now entering its fifth year at 217 Crossroads Blvd., the restaurant, which has won highest acclaim from every quarter — patrons, reviewers, other restaurateurs and chefs — has settled in simply as "Robert's Bistro."

Chef Kincaid has created an à la carte menu that is truly inspired — as is the cooking coming from the kitchen over which he presides as executive/owner chef, assisted by sous chef Rene Mejia.

The restaurant's manager, Diane Rizzo, has trained the wait staff in every nuance of professional and attentive service, making Robert's Bistro a sophisticated restaurant on a par with any in metropolitan areas. The staff is attired in crisp, white shirts with black bowties, tuxedo trousers, black vests and white bistro aprons. It is evident they take pride and pleasure in perfecting their service and making patrons feel well cared for.

Superb food, great servers, and all in an environment that makes diners feel they are in a fine restaurant in some Mediterranean city. Interior designer Rebecca Elizabeth is credited with this magic. White table clothes are kept fresh between seatings by removing and replacing table tops of white paper, reinforcing the European ambiance. Candles are lighted and fresh flowers adorn each table.

The dining room is divided into four sections, separated by walls that miss the high, timbered ceiling by a few yards — maintaining an airy atmosphere and in which windows have been created; A diner, seated almost anywhere in the restaurant, can see other sections, other diners.

When we entered the restaurant a little after 6 p.m. for an early meal, we were astonished to find the restaurant abuzz with diners, filling a good three-quarters of the tables. We learned in a next-day interview with Chef Kincaid, that six nights a week an early three-course "bistro menu" is offered from 4 to 5:30 for $19.95, exclusive of beverage and gratuity. Four first course and main course choices are offered and two of desserts are listed.

This has to be the very best bargain in town. Imagine these first course choices: Lobster ravioli, onion tart, Caesar salad, and the soup of the day. Main courses, accompanied by vegetables and a starch, are baked salmon Wellington; cassoulet à la Robert's Bistro; ballotine of stuffed, roasted quail; or pan seared filet of beef with a Bérnaise sauce. A tart tatin and chocolate mousse cake are the two desserts offered for selection. We promised ourselves that we would return soon to take advantage of this remarkable bistro menu.

From the à la carte menu we selected as a first course quenelles ($10.95) made from breast of free range chicken and served over an artichoke bottom, the plate napped with a merlot butter sauce and the quenelles with a light chardonnay sauce. Crumbled Maytag blue cheese and roasted pecans are sprinkled over this delicious appetizer and a *fleuron* puff pastry accompanies the dish. Light and airy quenelles are classic French cuisine which have always been well-received, but we remember them particularly from the '70s.

There are eight appetizers offered ($7.95 to $10.95), each more tempting than the next. Four salads ($5.95 - $8.95) and a French onion soup gratinée ($6.95) and the soup du jour ($5.95) conclude the first course choices.

Eleven main courses include several entrées from the bistro menu. A vegetable plate, roast duckling, salmon filet, medallions of veal, ahi tuna, prime ribeye, rack of lamb and Dover sold range from $21.95 to $33.95.

Continuing in a retro mood, we were drawn to a classic braised veal osso buco ($24.85) offered as a special that evening. A *mirepoix* in the braising liquor is strained off, then fresh carrots, onion, celery and garlic are sautéed and infused into the braising sauce, producing a homey, comforting, yet classic osso buco that will sooth the most frazzled of spirits. Mashed potatoes piped from a pastry bag through a wide tip banished all cares of the day, and a separate plate of ratatouille, snow peas with almonds and a small stuffed tomato were accompaniments.

A big Matanzas Creek '98 sauvignon blanc with all the flinty character of a dry fumé enhanced with a really good fruit finish went splendidly with both courses.

A sweet dessert seemed in order, so we threw caution to the wind and requested a meringue swan ($6.95) filled with coconut sorbet, accompanied by both a raspberry *coulis* and a *crème anglaise* and fresh strawberry halves.

A thoughtful wine list is offered — a knowledgeable mixture of Napa Valley, Sonoma, Monterey County, French and Italian varietals — and beer, non-alcoholic wines and wines by the glass are also available.

Try not to deny yourself the great treat of dining at Robert's Bistro, either during the early Bistro Menu hours (not available on Saturdays), or ordering à la carte nightly. You'll thank your lucky stars Chef Kincaid returned from Oregon.

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THE FIRST in a two-part lecture and slide series, "Art of California," will be presented by Carmel artist and art historian Dick Crispo at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 14 at the Carmel Art Association Galleries, Dolores between Fifth and Sixth, Carmel-by-the-Sea. This is part of the "2nd Thursday Lecture" series.

Crispo's talk will encompass early to contemporary California artists, with emphasis on Northern California art. He will also take a look at California's role in the art market in the information age and provide an introduction to Southern California art.

The lecture is free and no reservations are necessary. Light refreshments will be served. For information, call 624-6176.

Milestones

BIRTHS

TRISTAN DAVID HEACOCK, a son, born to Ryan and Angela Heacock of Carmel Valley on Aug. 21.

HANNAH ROSE HAYWARD, a daughter, born to William Hayward and Sherry deDampierre of Carmel, on Aug. 22.

HANNAH KATHLEEN MOVAHEDI, a daughter, born to Jill and Ramin Movahedi of Carmel Valley, on Aug. 24.

DEATHS

OLAVI KUSTI LEHTINEN, an electrical instrument and flight mechanic for the Army, Navy and civil service for 25 years, died Aug. 26. He was 85.

Mr. Lehtinen, who was also known as Ollie, was born in New Hampshire. His family moved to Finland where he attended grade school as well as Sakylan Jatko Koulu College.

A U.S. Navy veteran of World War II, Mr. Lehtinen first served in the Finnish Army as a member of the "White Phantoms," a group of white-clad ski troopers. He served out the remainder of the war as a ski instructor for the U.S. Army at Camp Hale.

Mr. Lehtinen resided in Alaska for 38 years before moving to Carmel seven years ago. He was a 32nd degree Mason.

Survivors include a sister, Eini Kaarina Levula of Finland.

Memorial services will begin at 3 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 9 at the Little Chapel by the Sea in Pacific Grove.

ANNE FRATESSA SCOVILLE of Pebble Beach died Aug. 31 in Columbia, Maryland, where she had been staying with her daughter, Michelle Burke. She was 68.

Born in San Francisco, she attended Carmel High School and the Convent of the Sacred Heart in Menlo Park and graduated from Stanford University in 1953.

Her immediate family includes another daughter, Suzanne of Connecticut; son Thomas of Rhode Island; her sisters, Carolyn Brennan of Palo Alto and Jeanne Crow of Washington; and her brother, Paul Fratessa of San Luis Obispo.

A mass will be celebrated at 9:30 a.m. Friday, Sept. 8 at St. Angela's Catholic Church in Pacific Grove.

The family suggests that memorial gifts be made to the Anne Fratessa Scoville endowed chair at the Carmel Bach Festival, P.O. Box 575, Carmel, CA 93921.

PATRICIA L. ARTHUR died in Sacramento Aug. 12.

Born Patricia Lillie in Pasadena, she graduated from South Pasadena High School and in 1940 married Jim Arthur (who died in 1986).

The family moved to Carmel Highlands in 1971. Known as Teesh to family and friends, she served on the Vestry at her church.

She is survived by her children, Jeff of Sacramento, Larry of Carmel, Julia of Garden Valley, and six grandchildren.

A Celebration of Life will be held at All Saints' Episocpal Church, Carmel at 1 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 16th with a brief reception following in Grant Hall.

The family encourages memorial giving to the Alzheimer's Association, 182 El Dorado, Monterey 93940 and Meals on Wheels of the Monterey Peninsula, 700 Jewel Ave., Pacific Grove, 93950.

SERGE H. ARONOVICI of Pebble Beach, who served in the OSS during World War II and in the foreign service after the war, died Sept. 3. He was 78.

Mr. Aronovici emigrated to the United States in 1950 and was naturalized in 1957. He received his medical degree in Europe and his Ph.D. in New York. His career included 30 years in pharmaceutical marketing.

He was a volunteer and past board member of the Carmel Chapter of the American Red Cross, an avid ham radio operator, photographer and member of the Naval Postgraduate School Amateur Radio Operators Club.

Mr. Aronovici has resided on the Monterey Peninsula since 1982, having moved from Delaware where he lived 10 years and prior to that, Bucks and Montgomery counties in Pennsylvania.

He is survived by his wife, Linda, of Pebble Beach; sons Charles of Massachusetts and Christopher of Minnesota; a daughter, Erica of Monterey, and one granddaughter.

A gathering of friends will be scheduled at a later date.

The family suggests that any memorials be made to the Alliance on Aging or Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula.

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EVACUATIONS

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threatened to burn down RLS School while 220 students were in their classrooms Sept. 7.

"I was outside the school just before 10 a.m. when I heard a loud noise and saw a man running down Dolores Street yelling, 'There's a gas leak!'" said Gari Ann Truscott, principal of the school, which is located just outside the Carmel-by-the-Sea city limits. "I turned around and pulled the fire alarm, and all the students and teachers left the school and went to the athletic field."

One student said the leak sounded "just like Niagara Falls."

"We thought it was a drill at first, but when we heard that loud noise we knew it was for real," said Tessa Stewart, an eighth grader.

"I heard a very loud noise — like a freight train — but I didn't smell anything," said math teacher Mark Ragan.

Within a few minutes, fire officials arrived and advised Truscott to keep everyone "as far away as possible" from the unleashed gas.

She made the decision to take her entire school to the safety of Carmel Beach — about three-quarters of a mile away. They trooped single-file along the town's narrow streets as cars slowed to admire the long procession of cheerful students in their crisp, blue and green plaid uniforms.

"It was wonderful how orderly and well-disciplined our students were," Truscott said.

Back on Dolores St., PG&E workers weren't enjoying themselves. "All the gas lines are tied together, so the gas jets from both ends of the cut," said PG&E worker Gordon Fehlman. On the unusually hot day, he donned a protective suit with its own oxygen supply and descended into the trench dug by the errant backhoe to cap one end of the noxious leak. A new hole had to be dug to cap the other end. More than an hour passed before the gas leak was stopped.

The backhoe driver, who would only give his first name — Rick — said he was cutting a trench across Dolores to bring electrical service to a home under construction across the street from the school.

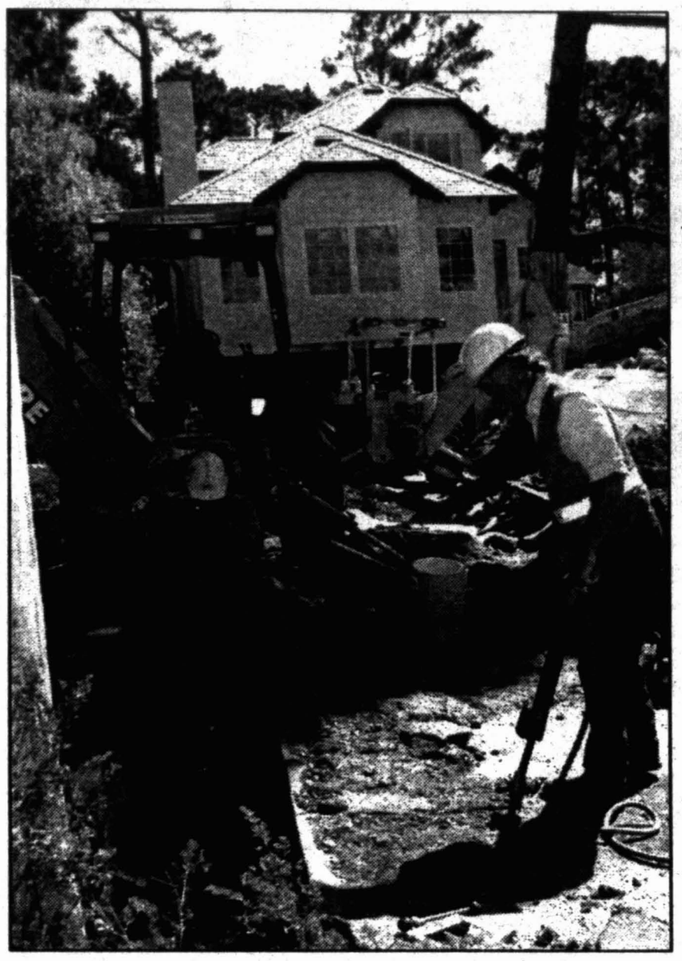
He blamed inaccurate marking of underground utility lines for the accident.

"They didn't mark it and there was no way for me to know about the gas line until I hit it, the backhoe operator said.

But Fehlman disagreed, and said yellow paint marks on the street and previous cuts in the pavement were obvious signs that something was in the way.

"It's federal law that they have to dig by hand whenever they're near a gas main," Fehlman said. "Somebody should have to pay big-time for this."

He notified school administrator Debbie Ryan just before 11:30 a.m. that it would be safe for the students to return from the beach, where they had spent a sunny morning having water and cookies and playing games.



PG&E workers assess the just-completed repair work on a gas main severed by the backhoe behind them. The leak forced evacuation of several nearby homes and hundreds of kids from Robert Louis Stevenson school. No one was injured in the incident Thursday morning.

PHOTOS/PAUL MILLER

All 220 students from Robert Louis Stevenson Lower and Middle School spent the morning at Carmel Beach Sept. 7 while workers repaired a gas main rupture that threatened their school.

Kindergartener Evan McLeod waited patiently at Carmel Beach with his classmates for word that it was safe to return to his classroom.

Second evacuation in two days

The students' impromptu assembly took place right next to the public restrooms at the end of Ocean Avenue, where less than 48 hours earlier the Army Bomb Squad carefully dismantled the fake bomb.

Wearing heavy, armored clothing and using a large Monterey cypress for cover, Sgt. Robert Thornton used a very long rope to gently pull the "bomb" away from the concrete wall of the men's restroom. He then used a sophisticated, computerized X-ray transmitter to examine the device's components in detail. The X-ray showed the bomb was probably a fake. Further examination convinced Thornton it would be safe to dismantle it.

"There were certain things about the sticks that convinced him they weren't dynamite," said Carmel Detective Sgt. Pete Poitras.

The device was sent to a crime lab in Sacramento, where usable fingerprints would be detected, Poitras hoped.

"It's a serious crime to plant an explosive device, even if it's a fake one," Poitras said.

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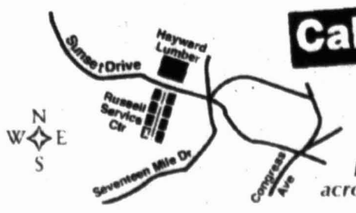

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OPINION

Editorial

Plan for 'Historic District' is a big deal

THE EQUIVALENT of an atomic bomb has been dropped into the middle of Carmel's debate over preservation of its older homes with the proposal announced last week by Enid Sales that she intends to seek designation of the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea as an "historic district" on the National Register of Historic Places.

Sales, with all the zeal and condescension of a missionary, isn't a bit shy about calling in reinforcements from out of town to get the natives of Carmel to adhere to her orthodoxy, which values every old building more than any new one.

Carmel homeowners should be alarmed to hear that they might be lumped together into a federally protected historic district — a district which has as its essential purpose the imposition of strict standards of historic preservation on each and every building, whether they have any historic merit or not. Tired of fighting — and losing — her battles over individual homes at the city council, planning commission and in court, Sales wants to win the war over the whole city in one fell swoop.

Carmel, founded by die-hard individualists who eschewed conformity and bristled at being told how to live, would then be transformed into a community where individuality would be judged not by local standards, but by the standards of far-away bureaucrats.

And that isn't the worst thing about being declared a national historic icon. Just ask the people of Big Sur, who 40 years ago bitterly opposed the idea that their back yards would become a National Park. Such a designation would have destroyed the Big Sur that Monterey County has fought to protect.

Unfortunately, state and federal laws have been elegantly constructed over the decades to favor Sales' crusade above all local considerations. There is a good chance she will succeed no matter what the residents of the city say about her latest maneuver.

But if officials in Sacramento and Washington want to show real concern for the future of small towns like Carmel, they will let its citizens decide for themselves which buildings belong to the past and which belong to the present.

Even people who are alive right now have something to contribute to the character of Carmel-by-the-Sea.

BATES

"For the last time, Charlie, the answer is NO."

Letters to the Editor

Downside of historic designation

Dear Editor:

I read with great interest Tamara Grippi's article concerning the Carmel Preservation Foundation's efforts to have Carmel declared an historical district. As a former Executive Director of a Community Development agency in New Jersey and a licensed City Planner, I can tell you unequivocally that this designation is truly a two-edged sword.

Yes, there are economic benefits including investment tax credits and tax rebates accorded to such "Historically Designated Places," however, these benefits have traditionally been employed to induce capital and investment in supporting revitalization efforts in economically depressed areas. I hardly believe this is necessary, given the affluence of Carmel-by-the Sea.

The other primary rationale for undertaking such an effort is to protect buildings and places from destructive and insensitive conservation practices. It has been my observation in the two years I have lived in Carmel-by-the-Sea, that current and previous administrations have been excellent stewards and have done a splendid job of assuring sensitive conservation of the buildings in town.

An "Historic Designation" would bring with it a wide array of requirements, not the least of which is an Environmental Impact Report for every building renovation planned. Typically, cities and towns have addressed this requirement by preparing a Master Conservation Report (approved by appropriate state/fed agencies) which catalogs and details each (and every) architectural building style in the district. The conservation report also serves as a blueprint and guideline to building treatments by detailing "appropriate conservation practices."

Conservation recommendations can be extremely detailed, often specifying permissible door and window detail, appropriate wall and roof textures, acceptable ornamental trim, period-correct exterior colors, etc. Deviations from recommended appropriate conservation practices are accomplished on an exception basis (usually in front of a review committee bent on salvaging every detail imaginable). Demolishing buildings of course becomes nearly impossible as economic feasibility is usually not part of the justification and consideration process.

In short, an "Historic designation" can be an onerous process for a home-owner seek-

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ing to refurbish or renovate. It has been my experience that renovation costs are increased by as much as 50 percent in "Historic Districts."

Given Carmel-by-the-Sea's history of successfully preserving and conserving its resources, an historic designation would seem redundant.

Frank C. Nuciforo, *Carmel-by-the-Sea*

Bates unfair to Steinfeld?

Dear Editor,

In his cartoon of September 1, Bates absurdly links home mail delivery — and Joe Steinfeld — to the trashing of Carmel with fast food joints. What conceivable relationship exists between mail delivery and the Big Mac?

Bates' cheap shot at Joe Steinfeld is totally unfair, and only muddles the issues.

If Bates is concerned about scary changes in Carmel, there are far better targets than home mail delivery. He might, for example, focus his cartoon talents on the proliferation of boundary-to-boundary trophy houses being built for absentee owners.

James Emery, *Carmel*

Editor's note: Bill Bates is way ahead of you, as this drawing from the Feb. 5, 1999, Pine Cone demonstrates.

"It's a steal at a million-six and you're only three feet from your neighbor."

Steinfeld's choices

Dear Editor,

My husband and I live in Denver and vacation every year in Carmel. Here is our response to the mail delivery issue reported in the Pine Cone.

Mr. Steinfeld is correct about only one thing as far as we can tell: it IS about choice. He had the choice not to move into the most special one square mile in the U.S. He had the choice to make friends who would be able to pick up his mail for him. He had the choice to pick up his mail once a month (certainly not onerous) because, after all, what's so important that it can't wait when you're living in paradise? He had the choice to remain in Big Sur (gee, couldn't he get them to do what he demanded, either?). He could have moved to any number of places in Carmel "outside the wall" that do have delivery. It IS about choice and we have no patience for people who enter a long-standing situation of their own free will and then demand that the world change to suit them. The costs of losing the community spirit engendered by picking up mail at the post office are many and far-reaching. Perhaps Mr. Steinfeld and the other 51 people who support home delivery could move, one per week, to someplace that has McDonald's and mail boxes. There could be a going away party for each of them. I suggest the party venue be a stand-up picnic outside . . . the post office.

God Save Carmel-by-the-Sea! Or, in lieu of that, thanks to the city council for saving it.

Barbara and David Sawyer, *Denver*

Take a walk on the beach instead

Dear Editor.

Mr. Brocchini and "the rest of us" should know that there are many people in this "weird" town of Carmel who would like their mail delivered and they are not newcomers. Most of the "newcomers" are second home buyers and have a permanent address elsewhere. I do not think that those who live here chose Carmel because there were no mail boxes or house numbers. The majority isn't always right. The majority thought the world was flat.

Joe Steinfeld wasn't the first to suggest that mail be delivered. Several of us wrote letters in 1998, and undoubtedly residents have questioned this lack of service in the past. The issue was ignored. It took Mr. Steinfeld and a mass of media to galvanize the Postal System and the City Council into action.

"Mr. Postal Service" isn't taking away your box at the post office. No one is stopping you from walking every day to collect your mail. You may still call your house by name only. You will not be required to have a number. No one who writes or delivers to YOU need know the awful secret. No one is taking away your friends at the post office. You may still "visit," provided of course your pals don't find mail delivery too convenient and stay out of their cars and take a walk on the beach instead.

The so-called mail box "blight" can best be seen in front of some of the oldest and most charming homes on annexed Carmel Point. Besides, you will find it difficult to see those "ugly' mail boxes through the parked cars that now line our streets. How many of you walk to the post office daily? Most of you drive your car and add to the congestion in downtown Carmel. Change isn't always negative, but "change" is what this is all about. You've been given a choice. You may accept an offer for free service or decline. I intend, and have paid for the right, to accept.

Joan H. Zischke, *Carmel*

So that's where the noise is coming from

Dear Editor:

Those of us who have some age on some of the rest of the world remember when it was OK to have a ready phrase for nearly any situation. My father, bless his deceased soul, was one whose set of sayings were aimed with precision, characterizing an event or person with startling accuracy. Since he was basically a political animal, many of those sayings had to do with politicians.

From the time Joe Steinfeld appeared on the scene, I have repeatedly been reminded of the phrase I am sure Dad would have used to make his proclamation on our Carmel interloper:

Empty wagons rattle the most!

Bruce J. Christenson, *Carmel*

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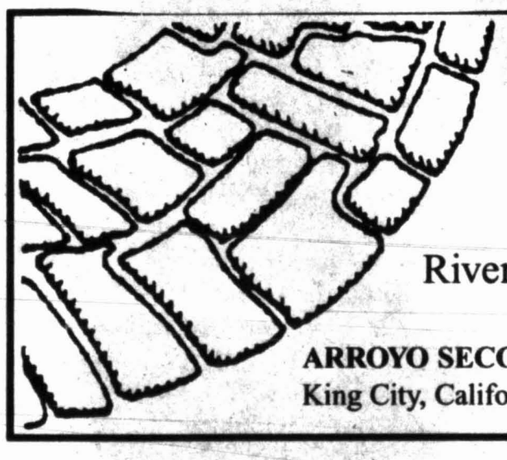

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Real Estate

57-acre celebrity hideaway for sale in Carmel Valley

Realtor looks back at the 1990s – "a remarkable decade"

■ This week's cover home presented by Tim Allen and Greg Linder of Coldwell Banker Del Monte Realty (see page 2)

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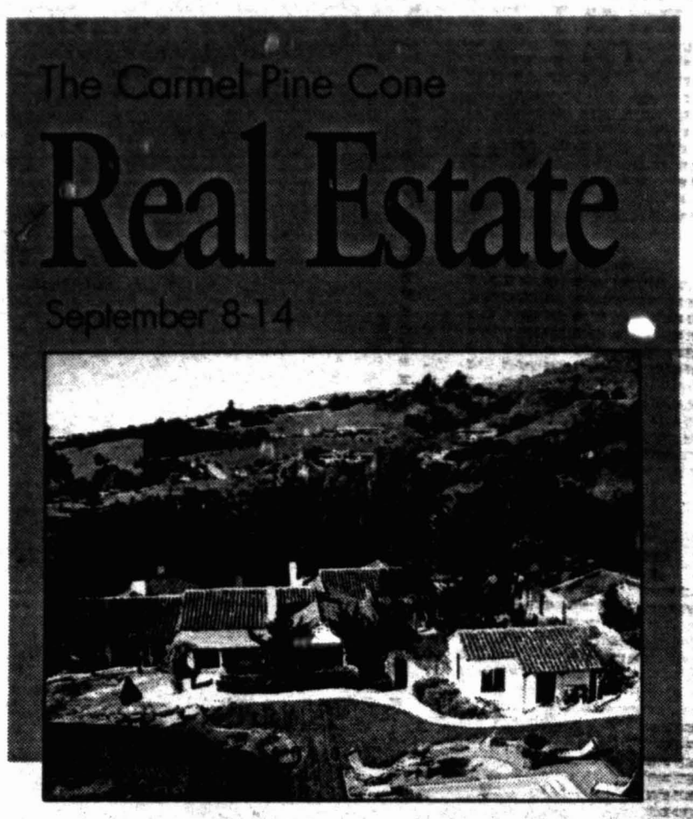

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Home sales the week of August 20-26, 2000

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3600 HIGH MEADOW DR $385,000
Henry & Ruth L Gnesa to Manuel & Maria Gonzalves
SAN CARLOS-VISTA $575,000
John & Jeanne Pryor Tr to David R & Victoria L Johnson
2594 SANTA LUCIA AV $450,000
Frank J Creede Jr Tr to Frank J Creede

CARMEL - SOUTH COAST

None

CARMEL VALLEY

424 EL CAMINITO RD $370,000
B Marhsall Harris to Laura Anne Colton
24829 OUTLOOK CT $975,000
Walter H & Thelma L Wilkinson Tr to Margaret Knowles Schink

PEBBLE BEACH

3055 SLOAT RD $895,000
Gregory J & Nancy E Wilson to Leslie & J Jeffrey Green
3093 VALDEZ RD $885,000
Alvin P Christensen Tr to Sadri & Evelyn Musavi
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David & Paula Rosen Tr to Michael D Ginsberg
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CARMEL – *Move right in...*to this spacious 3 BR/2.5 BA multi-level home and you won't need to change a thing! Soaring ceilings, hardwood floors $1,550,000

CARMEL – *Luxury lakeside town home...*2 BR/2.5 BA with superb coastal mountain views. Close walk to dining and shopping $499,000

PEBBLE BEACH – *Shepherd's Knoll...* Rare and private 3 BR/3 BA end unit. Beautifully decorated. Large dining room and kitchen for the gourmet cook $699,000

PEBBLE BEACH – *Just Listed...*Attractive, well-maintained 3 BR/3 BA MPCC home overlooking a greenbelt. Spacious decks, lovely gardens $895,000

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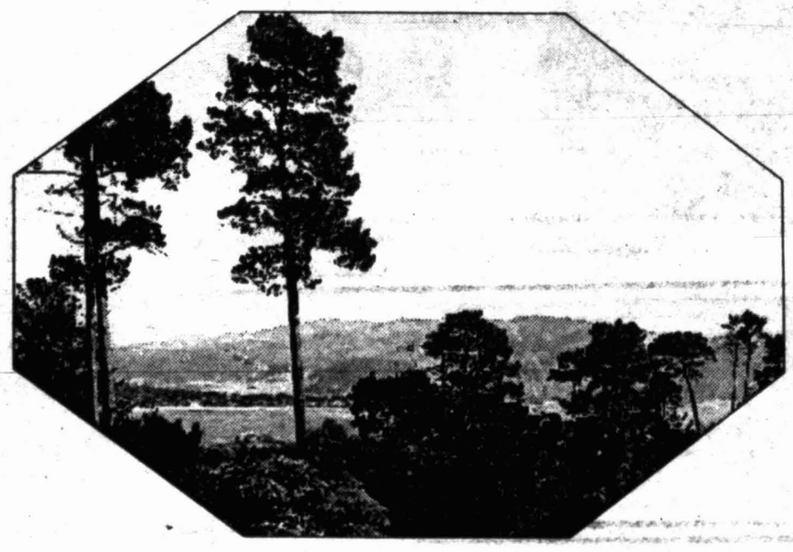

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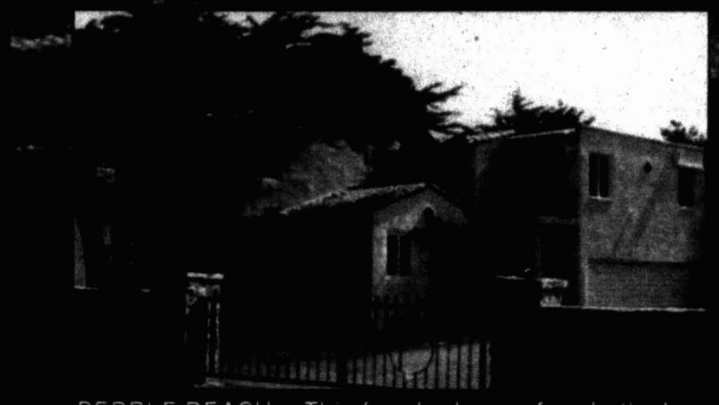

PEBBLE BEACH —This four bedroom, four bath classic Mediterranean with old world character enjoys whitewater ocean and sunset views. $2,900,000

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3BR/2BA	Miles Martin	12:00-5:00
4SE Mission of 4th #6S		$405,000
1BR/1BA	Earl Y. Meyers II	1:00-3:00
Junipero 3SW of 11th		$685,000
2BR/2BA	Richard Warren	2:00-4:00
25884 Hatton Rd.		$1,395,000
3BR/3BA	Gail Scearce	2:00-4:00

CARMEL VALLEY

25375 Tierra Grande		$1,395,000
3+BR/3+BA	JoAnna Tupman	1:00-4:00

HWY. 68

26141 Legends Court		$749,000
3BR/2.5BA	Debra Noel Shoquist	2:00-4:00

MONTEREY

#5 Sommerset Rise		$1,450,000
4BR/3BA	David Ehrenpreis	12:00-2:00
761 Jefferson		$795,000
3BR/3BA	John McCord	2:00-4:00
119 Don Dahvee Ln.		$1,550,000
4BR/2.5BA	David Ehrenpreis	2:30-4:30

PACIFIC GROVE

1321 Shafter Ave.		$545,000
3BR/2BA	Linda McClendon	12:00-4:00

SUNDAY

CARMEL

24700 Lower Trail		$950,000
4BR/2BA	Miles Martin	12:00-5:00
Junipero 3SW of 11th		$685,000
2BR/2BA	Richard Warren	2:00-4:00

CARMEL VALLEY

25375 Tierra Grande		$1,395,000
3+BR/3+BA	JoAnna Tupman	1:00-4:00
25450 Tierra Grande		$829,000
3BR/2BA	Jeannie Tarantino	2:00-4:00
171 El Caminito Rd.		$775,000
3BR/2BA	Joan Zielinski	2:00-4:00

HWY 68

26141 Legends Court		$749,000
3BR/2.5BA	Debra Noel Shoquist	2:00-4:00

MONTEREY

198 Roosevelt		$595,000
4BR/3BA	Mark Trapin	12:00-3:00
#5 Sommerset Rise		$1,450,000
4BR/3BA	David Ehrenpreis	1:00-3:00
119 Don Dahvee Ln.		$1,550,000
4BR/2.5BA	Barbara Ehrenpreis	1:00-3:00

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The end of an era — Merv Griffin's famous house on the market

By TAMARA GRIPPI

MERV GRIFFIN'S Carmel Valley home — where the TV mogul entertained Cary Grant, Eva Gabor and other Hollywood legends — is for sale.

The listing price for Griffin's estate, which includes six different buildings totalling 7,000 square-feet on a 57 acre property, is $8 million.

"Lucille Ball loved it," Griffin told The Pine Cone. "Clint Eastwood was a many-times visitor, along with the Arthur Murrays, even Ethel Kennedy and Senator and Mrs. Lloyd Bentsen, just to name a few. In my opinion it's pure magic."

The house has been market for only a week and inquiries are already pouring in, said Doug Steiny, the Realtor from the Mitchell Group who is handling the sale.

Griffin, the Hollywood billionaire who dreamed up "Wheel of Fortune" and "Jeopardy," has been contemplating the sale for about two years.

During the 1970s and 1980s, Griffin played host to celebrities at his "country estate and vineyards" in the hills above Carmel Valley Village almost every weekend. Gabor, Griffin's long time friend who was by his side to charm the guests at most of the weekend events, had her own room.

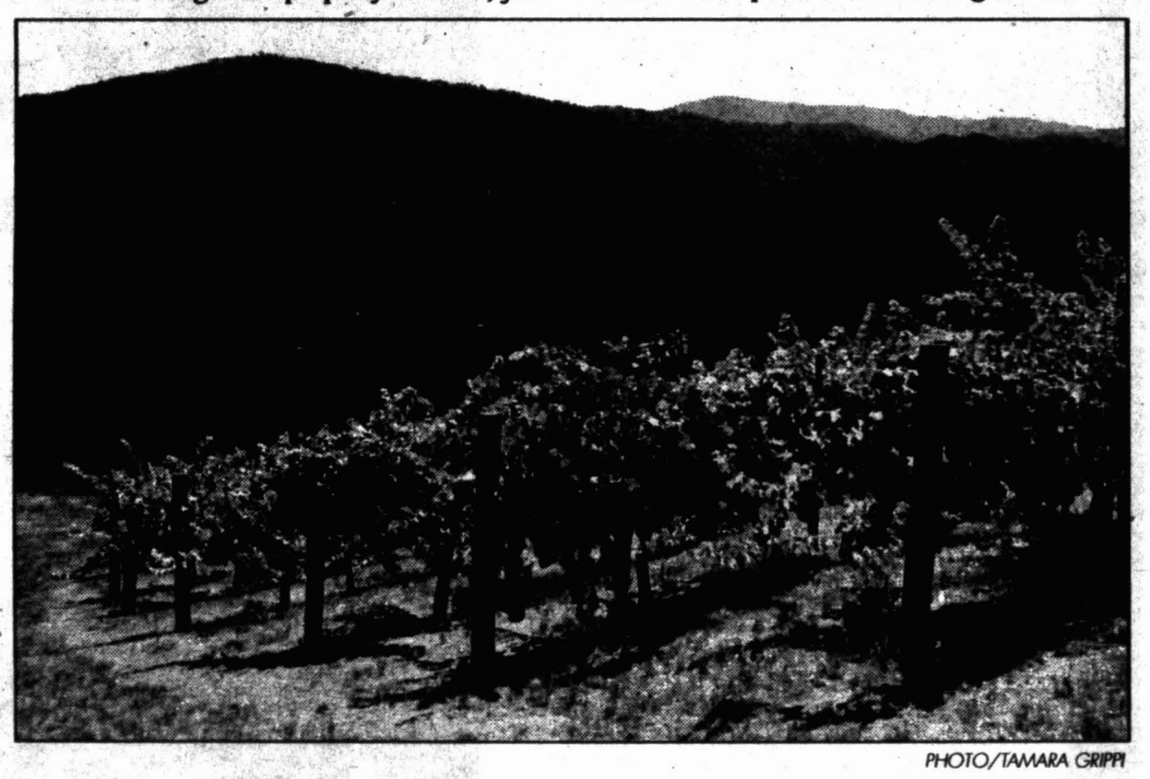
"There were so, so many star-studded weekends for decades," Steiny said.

Griffin bought the property in 1972, just as he was wrapping up a four year run of the Merv Griffin Show on CBS and getting ready to return the show to syndication.

A celebrity moment: Merv Griffin (far left) with Vegas megastars Tom Jones, Elvis Presley and Norm Crosby. The photo is included in an extensive celebrity gallery in Griffin's Carmel Valley home.

One memorable weekend in 1983, industrialist Armand Hammer brought his secretary along to officially chronicle the festivities. Hammer's secretary put together a whole book of photographs showing the likes of Clint Eastwood and Cary Grant socializing.

The main house on the estate, created just for entertaining, includes a large open living room with exposed beam ceilings surround-



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One acre of Griffin's estate is devoted to his vineyards, which annually produce 170 cases of a sauvignon blanc called "Mont Merv."

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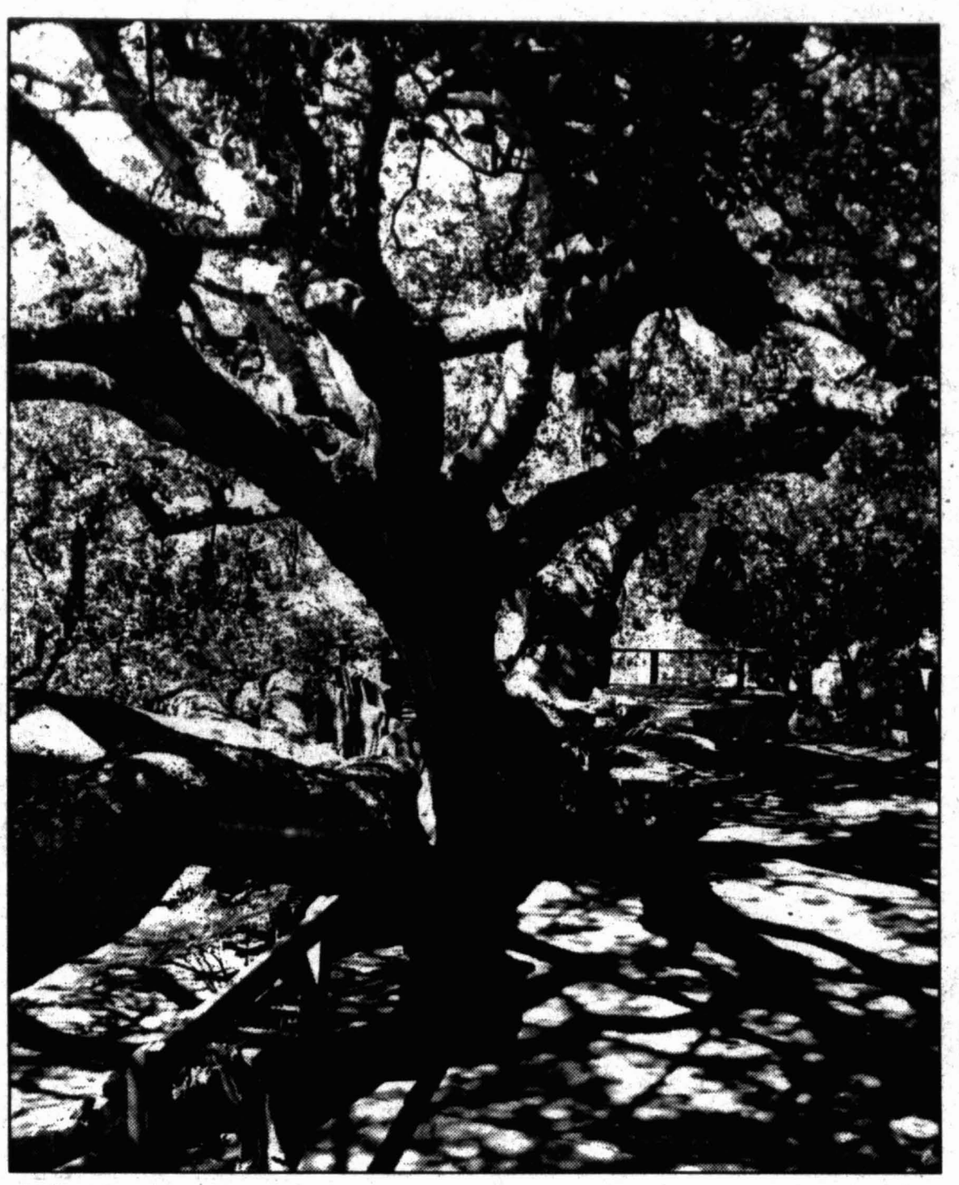

Griffin's patio, where he entertained his celebrity buddies, is designed around a 600-year-old oak.

ed by glass. The comfy couches and baby grand piano help set the scene for Merv's kind of casual camaraderie.

"He wanted people to be as relaxed as in someone's home but with all the five-star trimmings," Steiny said.

A dining room, adjacent to the main house and enclosed in glass, takes full advantage of the gorgeous outdoors.

The guest bedrooms are found in a separate building, while Griffin and Gabor's rooms are located in their own cottage. The walls in Griffin's personal retreat are covered with photographs of the TV host with famous and powerful figures — Richard Nixon, Elvis Presley, Johnny Carson.

And most of the books in Griffin's personal library are autographed by their authors, including Robert Kennedy, Norman Mailer, James Michener and Coretta Scott King.

'Mont Merv'

Below the house is a patio designed around the twists and curves of a magnificent oak tree.

"Merv had an arborist come out to make sure the tree was healthy and the arborist estimated its age at 600 years," Steiny said.

The country estate makes the most of nature with another oak serving as the centerpiece to an outdoor dance floor.

One acre of vineyards, located on a par-

*See **MERV GRIFFIN** page 7B*

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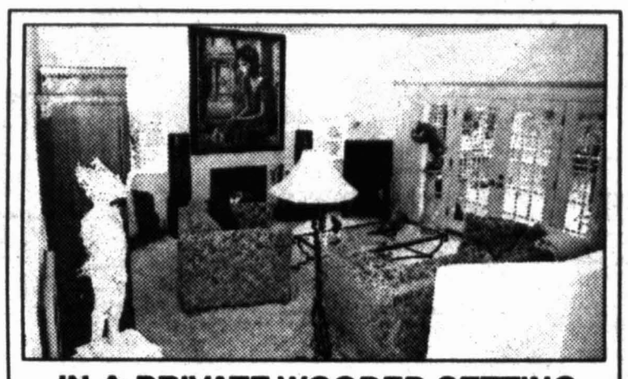

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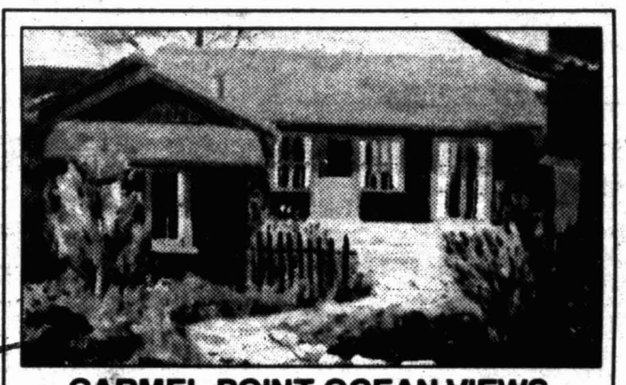

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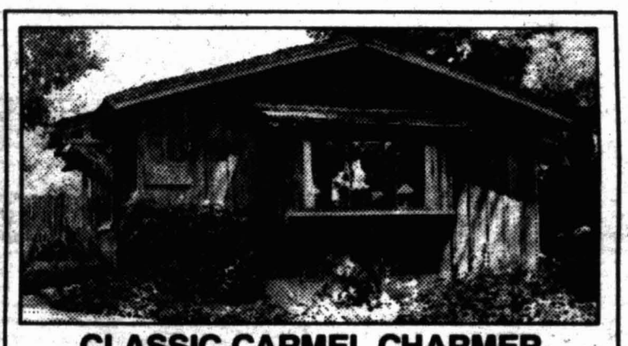

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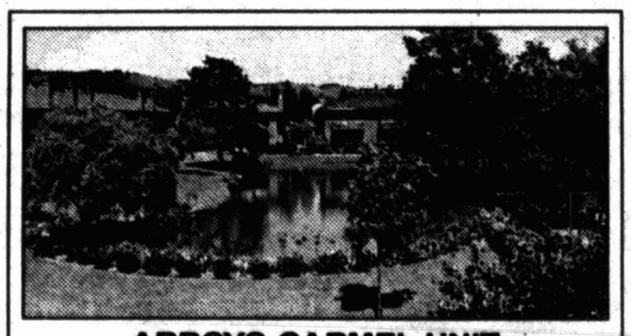

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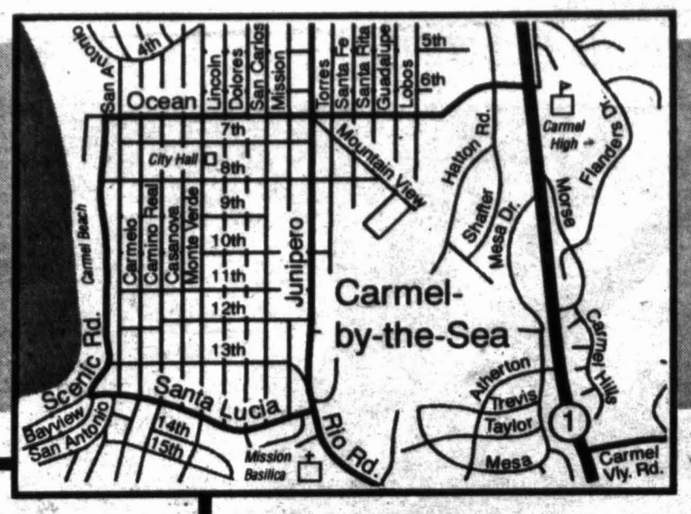

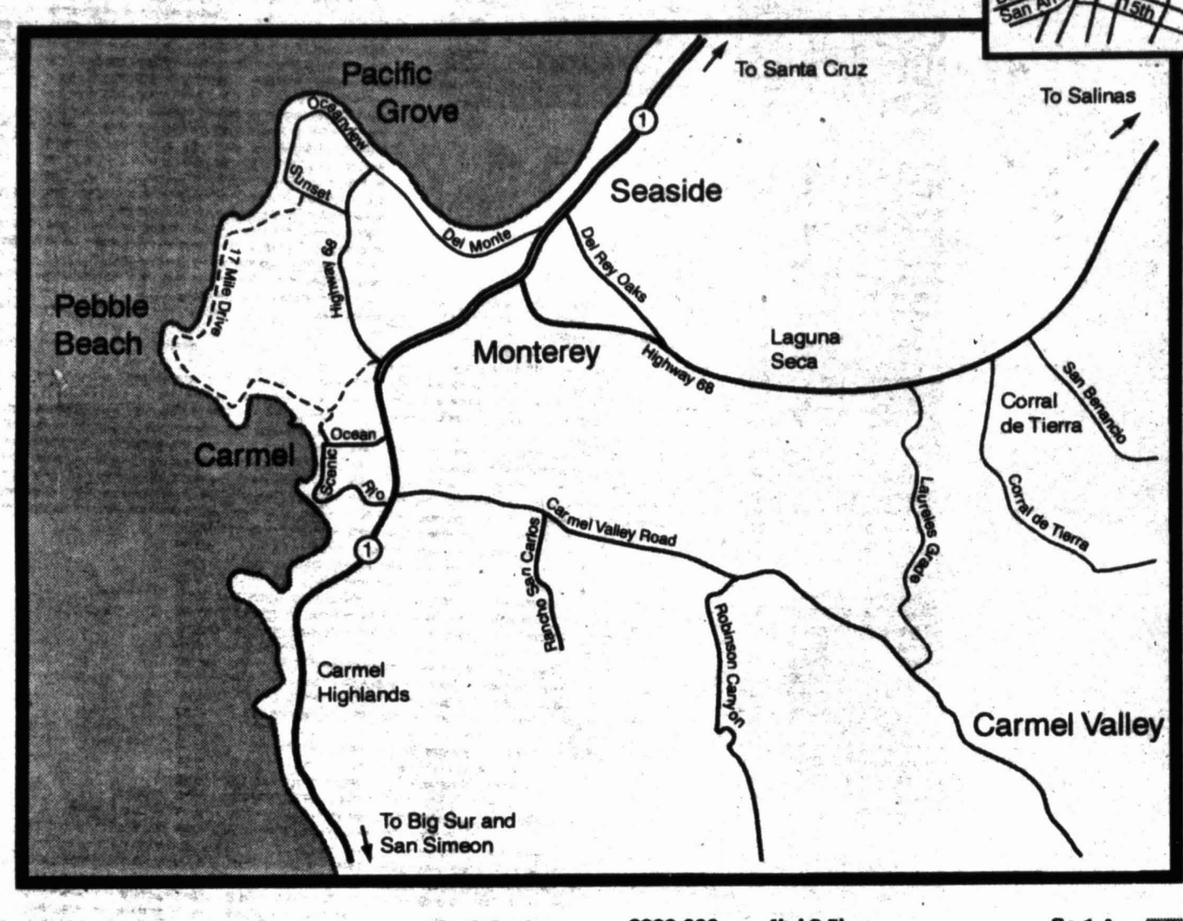

CARMEL

$405,000 1bd 1ba		**Sa 1-3**
4 SE Mission of 4th		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$495,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 1-4**
3850 Rio Rd #65		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$535,000 2bd 2.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
3850 Rio Rd #19		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$545,000 4bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
26020 Via Portola		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$685,000 2bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
Junipero 3 SW of 11th		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$699,000 3bd 1ba		**Sa 1:30-3:30**
24694 Pescadero		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$850,000 5bd 4+ba		**Su 1-4**
2 NE of 1st & Lobos		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$875,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
SE Cor San Carlos & Vista		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$950,000 4bd 2ba		**Su 12-5**
24700 Lower Trail		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$995,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4 Su 2-5**
25275 Arriba Del Mundo		Carmel
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,095,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 12-5**
6 NW of Tores 8th		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,190,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa1-3 Su2-4**
Flanderws Way / Trailview		Carmel
John Saar Properties		625-0500
$1,225,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
Dolores NW Cor 10th		Carmel
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
$1,395,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4**
25884 Hatton Rd		Carmel
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,550,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 2-4**
4 NW San Carlos		Carmel
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$1,750,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
2509 San Antonio Ave		Carmel
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$1,950,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
Santa Fe 3 SW of Ocean		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,999,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 2-4**
Lincoln 6 SW of 12th		Carmel
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$2,395,000 4bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
24393 Portola Ave		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,995,000 6+bd 4+ba		**Su 1-4**
3203 San Lucas		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$2,995,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 2-5**
SW Cor San Antonio & 13th		Carmel
John Saar Properties		624-4599
$2,995,000 3bd 3.5ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
26173 Dolores		Carmel
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040

CARMEL VALLEY

$315,000 2bd 2ba		**Su 1-3**
#226 Hacienda Carmel		Carmel Valley
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
$339,000 2bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
9500 Center St #33		Carmel Valley
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$410,000 2bd 1ba		**Sa 2-4**
20 El Potrero		Carmel Valley
Fouratt-Simmons		624-3829
$625,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 12:30-3**
131 E Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$775,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
171 El Caminito Rd		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$799,000 4bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
26540 Canada Way		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$829,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
25450 Tierra Grande		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$945,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
11 Scarlett Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$945,000 3bd 3ba		**Su 2-4**
8750 Carmel Valley Rd		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2223
$984,500 3bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
7005 Valley Green Circle		Carmel Valley
Carmel Realty		624-6482
$1,395,000 3+bd 3+ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
25375 Tierra Grande Drive		Carmel Valley
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,595,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 2:30-4:30**
7000 Valley Greens Circle		Carmel Valley
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

$895,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 12:30-3**
233 Highway One		Crml Highland
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,995,000 4bd 4.5ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
21 Mentone		Crml Highland
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$5,750,000 3bd 4.5ba		**Su 2-3 Su1-4**
112 Yankee Point		Crml Highland
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

MONTEREY

$310,000 2bd 1ba		**Su 2-4**
1961 David Ave x Forest Ave		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2226
$549,000 4bd 2ba		**Sa 2-4**
59 Wellings Place		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$595,000 4bd 3ba		**Su 12-3**
1198 Roosevelt		Monterey
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$795,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa 2-4**
761 Jefferson		Monterey
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$935,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa 2-4**
7 Sommerset Rise		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$995,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4**
125 Surf Way #433		Monterey
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$999,000 4bd 2.5ba		**Sa 1-4**
31 Dorey Way		Monterey
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$1,195,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Su 1-3**
4 Windsor Drive		Monterey
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$1,450,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa12-2 Su1-3**
#5 Sommerset Rise		Monterey
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$1,550,000 4bd 2.5ba		**Sa 3-4 Su1-3**
119 Don Dahvee Lane		Monterey
Mitchell Group		624-0136

MTY/SALINAS HWY

$412,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 1:30-3:30**
17643 Winding Creek		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$615,000 4bd 3ba		**Sa 1:30-3:30**
14465 Mountain Quail Rd		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$749,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
26141 Legends Court		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$995,000 4bd 3.5ba		**Su 12:30-3**
27770 Mesa Del Toro		Mtry/Sins Hwy
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222

PACIFIC GROVE

$545,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa 12-4**
1321 Shafter Ave		Pacific Grove
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$585,000 2bd 1ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
690 Pine Ave		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2225
$795,000 3bd 2+studio		**Su 1-3**
176 Sloat		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2221
$795,000 3bd 2+ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
615 Lobos		Pacific Grove
Alain Pinel Realtors		622-1040
$950,000 3bd 2ba		**Su12-2 Sa1-3**
155 Seventeen Mile		Pacific Grove
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$1,100,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 1-4**
953 Bayview Ave		Pacific Grove
Mitchell Group		624-0136

PEBBLE BEACH

$699,000 3bd 3ba		**Su 2-4**
5 Shepherd's Knoll		Pebble Beach
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$895,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
3025 Forest Way		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$895,000 3bd 3ba		**Sa & Su 2-4**
3080 Larkin Rd		Pebble Beach
Burchell House Properties		624-6461
$899,000 3bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 12-4**
2864 Forest Lodge Rd		Pebble Beach
Carver Realty		624-8181
$980,000 3bd 2.5ba		**Su 1:30-3:30**
1037 Sombrero Rd		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$997,000 4bd 2ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
1042 Ocean Rd		Pebble Beach
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$6,200,000 3bd 4+ba		**Sa & Su 1-4**
3294 Stevenson Drive		Pebble Beach
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DEL REY OAKS

$399,500 2bd 2ba		**Sa 1-4 Su 2-4**
810 Arbor Place		Del Rey Oaks
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SEASIDE

$259,500 2bd 1ba		**Sa 2-4**
1475 Hilby Ave		Seaside
Mitchell Group		624-0136
$369,000 3bd 2ba		**Su 2-4**
1213 Vallejo St		Seaside
Coldwell Banker Del Monte		626-2222
$459,500 4bd 2ba		**Su 1-4**
2 Mescal Place		Seaside
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$597,000 3bd 3ba		**Su 2-5**
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ticularly scenic hillside, each year produces 170 cases of Griffin's own private reserve sauvignon blanc, known as "Mont Merv."

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PHOTO/TAMARA GRIPPI

Realtor Doug Steiny enjoys the spectacular view of the Santa Lucia Mountains.

After more than 25 years of hosting one-of-a-kind weekend getaways for the darlings of Hollywood, Griffin is ready to end an era.

Griffin just purchased John Huston's mansion in Ireland, which he plans to turn into a bed and breakfast, Steiny said.

The enormously successful producer owns property all over the world, including an estate in La Quinta and numerous hotels, including the recently purchased Givenchy Hotel and Spa in Palm Springs.

But leaving Carmel Valley, where Griffin also hosted family reunions for years, is a bittersweet decision.

"It's the end of an era, that's what makes it so difficult," Steiny said.

Steiny, a Carmel Valley native whose great-grandfather bought one of the tent sights at Lovers Point in 1888, has been handling real estate for some of the Peninsula's celebrities for years.

While working at the Quail Lodge gas station many years ago, Steiny restored cars for celebrities like Doris Day and Allen Funt. Those contacts helped him launch his real estate career and his 25-year relationship with Griffin.

Steiny said he's already received calls about the Griffin property from "all over the place," including some as yet unnamed but prominent figures.

"Since we're showing it to prequalified buyers only, I told one agent from the San Francisco Bay Area, 'you need to let me know who they [clients] are,'" Steiny said.

"He said, 'Believe me, if it comes to that, you won't need to ask.'"

Perhaps the Merv Griffin Country Estate and Vineyard is headed for another life as country hideaway for still another world-famous celebrity.

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A golden decade for Peninsula real estate market

PINE CONE STAFF REPORT

THE EXPLOSIVE growth of the Monterey Peninsula real estate market in the 1990s is chronicled in impressive detail in a 50-page report issued last month by Ben Heinrich, who heads a real estate firm that bears his name.

Even more impressive is Heinrich's attempt to explain how the real estate boom happened, and predict whether it will continue.

"California entered the 1990s much maligned and ridiculed as a place with four seasons: fire, flood, earthquake and riot," Heinrich says. The Loma Prieta earthquake launched the 90s on a note of pessimism — and things got even worse.

"During the first three years of the decade, California lost more than 900,000 jobs, approximately 7 percent of the state's total employment," Heinrich says.

Fires in Malibu, rioting in Los Angeles, and the Northridge quake in 1994 added to the state's pessimism — and drove down home prices.

"In some areas of Southern California, prices fell from 1989 peaks as much as 40 to 45 percent," according to Heinrich's report.

By mid-decade, California's business climate had improved, consumer confidence had risen and the state was ready for a comeback, with Northern California and its concentration of high-tech businesses ready to lead the way.

Heinrich calls the second half of the 1990s "an unprecedented time of entrepreneurship and wealth creation" in Silicon Valley and asserts that the Monterey Peninsula real estate market is "attached at the hip to the economic engine in Silicon Valley."

As high tech business boomed, so did the market for luxury homes in Carmel, Pebble Beach and other local communities.

■ Carmel had nine sales over $1 million in 1990; in 1999 there were 80.

■ In Pebble Beach, the median home sale price increased by 61% from 1990 to 1999, when it reached $767,000.

■ Carmel Valley had just three sales over $1 million in the first three years of the 1990s; in the last three years there were 45

■ Monterey and Pacific Grove had sharp increases in home sale prices and number of homes sold between 1994 and 1999.

Will the prosperity continue? Heinrich offers two competing theories.

Some economists argue that powerful new forces in the economy — the prevalence of high-tech industries and higher worker productivity — make a sharp downturn unlikely.

Others question whether the baby-boomer economy can sustain the expansion of consumer credit which has partly driven the new economy.

The possibility of greater risk should be part of any home-buying decision, Heinrich says.

But the Monterey Peninsula marketplace benefits from "the continued demand for second and retirement homes and the wealth factor emanating from Silicon Valley."

It is reasonable to expect "ups and downs" in local real estate prices, but these same economic forces will dominate the Peninsula real estate market in the coming decade, Heinrich concludes.

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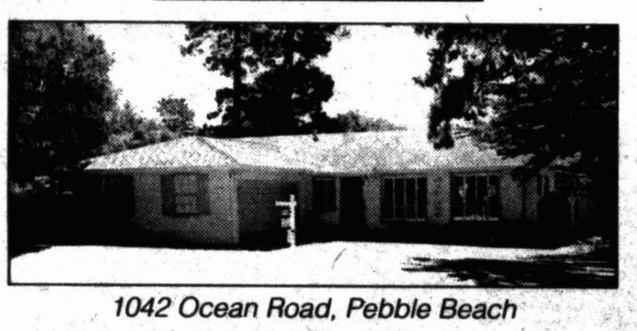

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Carmel Point, flanked north and south by the white sands of Carmel Bay and Carmel River State Beach, is the site of many multi-million dollar homes — a fact that could not have been conceived by the Bohemians of earlier Carmel-by-the-Sea.

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CARMEL HIGHLANDS FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT
NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at 1:00 p.m. the Carmel Highlands Fire Protection District Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2000/2001 that ends June 30, 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget has been adopted and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 75 Fern Canyon Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Board of Directors will meet at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, September 13, 2000 at the Hudson House, 60 Highway 1 to adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal year 2000/20001 that ends on June 30, 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding the increases, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: April 25, 2000
(s) Gayle Sheppard,
Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: Sept. 1, 8, 2000. (PC901)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001729. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **FRANK BRUNO BUILDER**, 2 SE of 7th, Carmel, CA 93921. FRANK BRUNO, P.O. Box 5538, Carmel, CA 93921. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on May 2000. (s) Frank Bruno. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 22, 2000. Publication dates: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2000. (PC902)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001727. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **DYNAMIC TEAMS**, 1303 David Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. SUSAN L. WHITMAN, 1303 David Ave., Pacific Grove, CA 93950. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2000. (s) Susan L. Whitman. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 22, 2000. Publication dates: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2000. (PC903)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001759. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **GARDINER'S TENNIS RANCH**, 114 Carmel Valley Road, Carmel Valley, CA 93924. PRISTINE DEVELOPMENT, LLC, 2302 Fannin, Suite 500, Houston, TX 77002. This business is conducted by a limited liability company. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2000. (s) Robert M. Davey, Vice President, Pristine Development, LLC. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 25, 2000. Publication dates: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 22, 2000. (PC905)

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF MONTEREY
In re the Estate of
BEULA BLAIR BOUCHER, Deceased.
Case No. MP-15140
NOTICE TO CREDITORS OF BEULA BLAIR BOUCHER

Notice is hereby given to the creditors and contingent creditors of the above-named decedent, that all persons having claims against the decedent are required to file them with the Superior Court at 1200 Aguajito Road, Monterey, California 93940, and mail a copy to Lynda Infantino, Successor Trustee of the Beula Blair Boucher Trust, dated April 10, 1979, wherein the decedent was the Trustor, at 441 E. 20th Street, Apt. 3G, New York, New York, 10010. If notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, you must file your claim 30 days after the date this notice is mailed or personally delivered to you, or you must petition to file a late claim as provided in Section 19103 of the Probate Code. A claim form may be obtained from the Superior Court Clerk. For your protection, you are encouraged to file your claim by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(s) Donald G. Freeman
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Publication dates: Sept. 1, 8, 15, 2000. (PC907)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001735. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **AJAX PORTABLE SERVICE**, 1601 Lana Way, Hollister, CA 95023. USA WASTE OF CALIFORNIA, INC, a Delaware Corp., 1001 Fannin, Ste. 4000, Houston, TX 77002. This business is conducted by a corporation. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on August 1, 2000. (s) Robert Simpson, Vice President, USA Waste of California Inc. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 24, 2000. Publication dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC909)

FICTITIOUS BUSINESS NAME STATEMENT File No. 20001746. The following person(s) is(are) doing business as **WRAPUNZEL**, Court of the Golden Bough, (P.O. Box 6414) Ocean & Monte Verde, Carmel-by-the-Sea, CA 93921. CHRISTINA HARLAND, 26259 Hilltop Place, Carmel, CA 93923. This business is conducted by an individual. Registrant commenced to transact business under the fictitious business name or names listed above on Jan. 28, 2000. (s) Christina Harland. This statement was filed with the County Clerk of Monterey County on Aug. 24, 2000. Publication dates: Sept. 8, 15, 22, 29, 2000. (PC910)

CYPRESS
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
FINAL BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2000/2001

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on Thursday, September 28, 2000 the Cypress Fire Protection District Board of Directors will consider adoption of the Final Budget for Fiscal Year 2000/2001 that ends June 30, 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Preliminary Budget has been adopted and is available for inspection at the District's fire station located at 3775 Rio Road, Carmel, between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. The Board of Directors will meet at 2:30 p.m. on Thursday, September 28, 2000 at the District's fire station to adopt the Final Budget for Fiscal year 2000/20001 that ends on June 30, 2001.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN, that any taxpayer may appear and be heard regarding the increase, decrease, or omission of any item on the budget or for the inclusion of any additional items.

DATED: September 5, 2000
(s) Gayle Sheppard,
Secretary of the Board
Publication dates: Sept. 8, 15, 2000. (PC911)

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POLICE LOG

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front of the Golden Bough Playhouse talking loudly. The group stated they were just finishing practice for an upcoming play. Nothing suspicious noted. Group left area after being contacted.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Contracted gardening service for a Junipero inn was contacted and admonished regarding CMCs when it comes to tree–trimming. Reported to be "hacking away" at a bush within the public right–of–way. Both said they were unaware of any CMCs regarding the trimming. As it turned out, the trimming was very minor. No damage to the tree.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Driver stopped at Carpenter and Fifth found to be unlicensed. Driver cited, vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Driver stopped at San Carlos and Ninth and arrested for DUI.

Carmel area: Man was arrested on Highway 1 for public drunkenness.

Carmel area: Conducted a civil standby while a male subject recovered his personal items from the hotel room he was to share with his girlfriend. They had an argument last night. He moved to another room in the hotel.

Carmel area: Report of an abandoned bicycle at the corner of Whitman and Flanders. It was taken to the sub for storage.

Carmel Valley: Esquiline resident reported she gave neighbor $1,000 to supervise work being done at her residence. Only half of the job was done. The neighbor gave the money back and will pursue the matter in civil court.

Pebble Beach: Responded to an El Bosque residence on a report of a loud party. Contacted the resident, he said he would shut down the party.

Carmel Valley: Toyon Way resident reported being in an argument with his 18–year–old daughter. He was advised to evict her if they could not find a way to live together.

Pebble Beach: Report of $1,310 in miscellaneous property stolen from a Forest Lake Road location over a two–week period.

Carmel Valley: An elderly Carmel Valley resident was robbed by two unidentified males who took her purse after she left the Mid Valley Safeway. The woman was taken by ambulance to CHOMP for examination. Investigation continues.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Bathroom window of a San Antonio residence found ajar by a neighbor. Window secured.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Driver stopped at Santa Fe and Second for speeding and found to be without a valid drivers license. He handed the officer a temporary license that expired 12/17/98. Driver cited, vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Big Sur: Assisted code enforcement officer in posting a 24–hour notice and inspection warrant at a Palo Colorado Canyon address.

Carmel Valley: Man reported the door to a storage building adjacent to his Mid Valley business was left open. The person renting the storage building is out of town for two months. The door was secured.

Carmel area: Unknown person(s) egged a Flanders Drive residence and a car between 8/25/00 and 8/27/00.

Carmel area: Welfare check requested of an 83–year–old Edgefield Place resident. Telecare had not been able to contact her at home. Entry made to the residence and it was determined the woman was out. Outgoing mail was in the mailbox and her car was not in the garage.

Carmel area: Woman reported losing her wallet in the Carmel Rancho Shopping Center.

Carmel Valley: Located a 17–year–old juvenile at a Cachagua Road residence who had been reported as a runaway from Contra Costa County. The juvenile also had a felony warrant. She was lodged at the Monterey County Juvenile Hall.

Carmel Valley: Man reported someone forcefully entered his Hennicksons Ridge cabin sometime over the last three months, but nothing was found missing or damaged on or in the cabin.

Carmel Valley: Woman reported she fell down a cliff while riding her horse. She was able to crawl up the cliff and go for help, but the horse was stranded 30 feet down the cliff. The horse was rescued a short time later and attended to by a veterinarian.

Carmel Valley: Paso Hondo resident reported her ex–boyfriend followed her home and they had a verbal altercation.

Big Sur: Housesitter for a Highway 1 residence reported hearing noises on the roof. Area check was made and nothing suspicious found.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 30

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report of loud music coming from a white truck with out–of–state plates. Contact made with the driver and she complied to turn the volume lower. Warning.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Close patrol requested of Scenic per Mayor McCloud, in regards to a possible CMC violation involving the owner of a dog. Apparently, the owner is allowing the dog to roam about the residential area, causing a traffic hazard. An area check was made. Unable to locate the person and animal in question. Mayor advised that the person has not been seen within the locale in the past two to three days. She requested a periodic check of the area during the morning hours.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report that a woman who has a history of being suicidal was seen at the Tru–Cuts in the Barnyard and appears to be depressed. Sheriff's department was notified and made an area check but did not locate her. Attempted to contact her at her apartment, but she was not at home. A BOL was placed to check her welfare.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Later made contact with above referenced woman, who confirmed she was depressed, but is not planning to harm herself. She said she is with a friend now and everything is okay. She was advised to contact police if she is in need of any help. She said she would. Also spoke briefly with her friend. BOL canceled.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Contacted several juveniles in Mission Trails Park near the bridge off Mt. View. Located several empty beer cans and a few cigarette packs in the area. Since it was not possible to see exactly who was doing what, if anything, no citations were given. They were admonished regarding the use of alcohol and tobacco products.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Woman having ongoing problems with a Second Avenue tenant requested an officer standby

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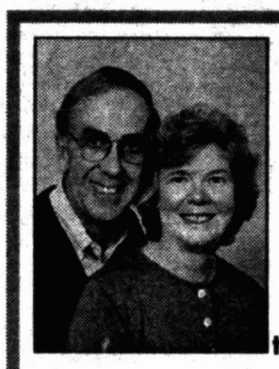

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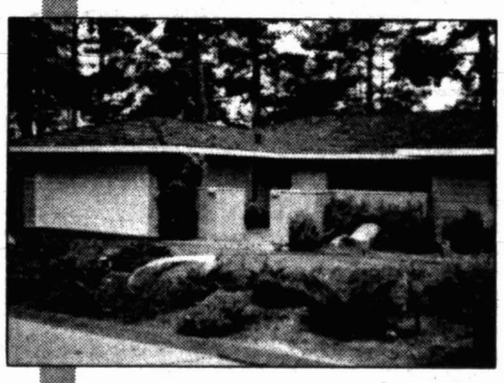

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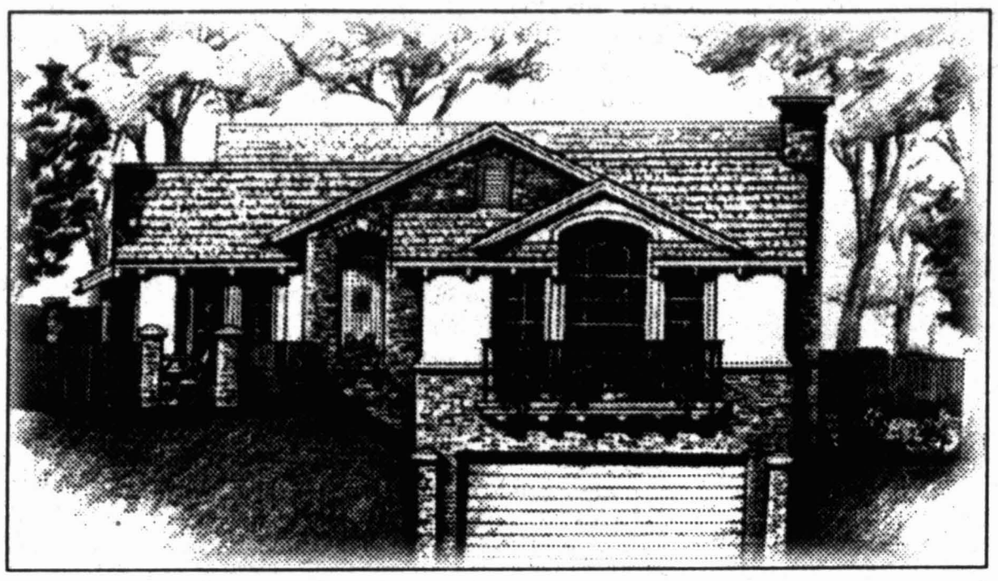

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while she measured inside the kitchen for new counter tops. Nothing more to report.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report of a cash bag with about $107 in it stolen from a San Carlos gas station. Victim received information on who might be responsible. Contacted the suspect and provided courtesy transport to the station where the two worked out an agreement for the money to be returned. No report desired by either party.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Traffic stop made and driver warned about yielding to pedestrians in a crosswalk. Driver was from Brazil and didn't know better.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Lincoln resident reported seeing a man sitting on her front porch. Investigation determined she was near–sighted and the figure she saw was her potted plants on a table. She requested disposal of the alcoholic beverages in her home.

Carmel Valley: Robinson Canyon Road resident called seeking advice on how she could get some people and their vehicles off her property.

Carmel area: Rio Road resident reported her husband pushed her against a wall during an argument. No injuries were reported.

Carmel area: Vehicle with registration expired since 03/97 towed from a Flanders Place location.

Carmel area: Vehicle with registration expired since 01/00 towed from the Carmel Rancho Center parking lot.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 31

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Citizen assist in regard to the removal of a Ford SUV at Junipero and Sixth. The vehicle was parked in the area of street construction/repaving. Vehicle was towed by AAA from the west side of the street to the center island area.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Driver stopped at Ocean and Mission for speeding, and found to not have a valid drivers license. Driver cited, vehicle towed and stored by Carmel Chevron.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report of vandalism in the park area of Flanders Mansion. Pedestrians warned regarding smoking in a non–smoking area.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Vehicle marked as an abandoned vehicle at Lincoln and 3rd Ave. Warning notice for displaying "for sale" signs.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Construction workers on the job at 7:46 a.m. advised of the law concerning construction hours.

Carmel Valley: Monterey County Marijuana Eradication Team served a search warrant on a Carmel Valley Road residence. Eighteen growing plants were seized. Suspect interviewed and admitted to being responsible for its cultivation. He was not arrested but a criminal complaint is forthcoming.

Carmel area: Carmel woman reported a person she knows appears to be becoming delusional and threatened to get a gun because the woman was after her.

Carmel area: Woman reported a male keeps coming into her place of business on Carmel Rancho Blvd. on a daily basis. He follows her around for a few minutes and leaves without buying anything.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Road resident reported he believes his caretaker is tampering with his medication.

Carmel Valley: Carmel Valley Ranch management reported a man stole $332.96 in china from the resort. He agreed to return the stolen china.

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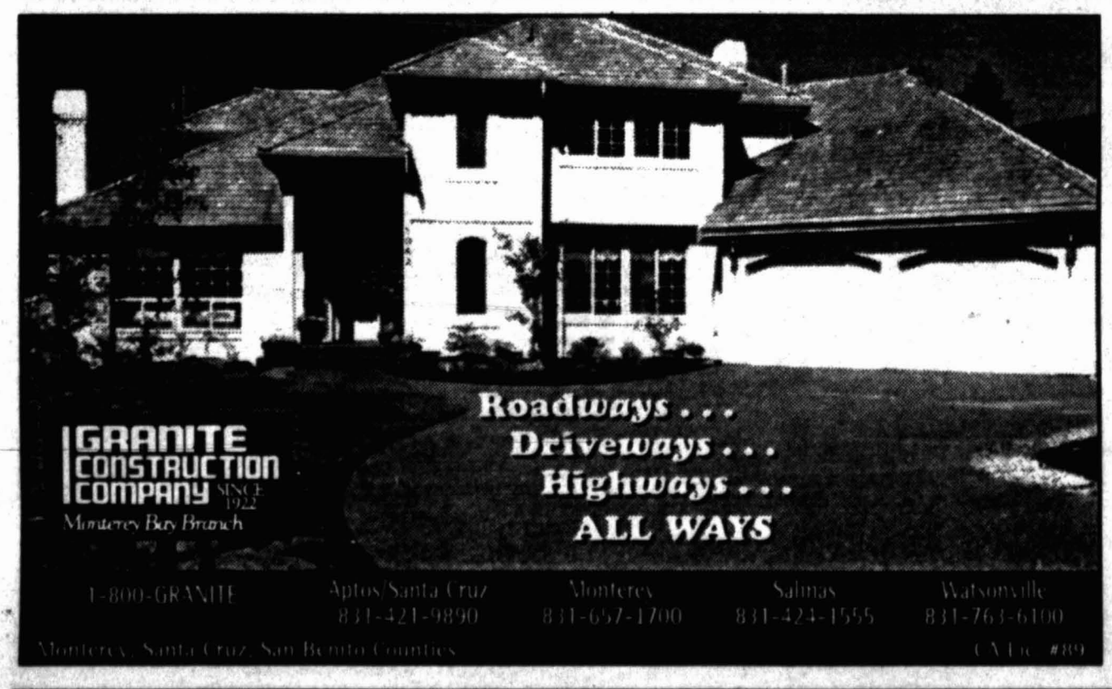

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Carmel Valley: Country Club Drive resident reported an ongoing civil problem with his neighbor over disputed property lines. The case is already pending civil court.

Carmel area: Carmel High School vice principal reported he asked students to leave a dance last Friday because of alcohol on their breath.

Big Sur: Resident occupied a room at the Esalen Institute for 11 days without paying. She refused to leave the premises after being asked several times to leave.

Carmel Valley: Conducted a welfare check on a Pacific Meadows resident and found her to be very disoriented. She was transported to the hospital by ambulance.

Carmel Valley: Temnis ranch resident reported that a neighbor is continually opening her gate on her private property.

Carmel Valley: Robinson Canyon Road resident reported two unwanted guests. Deputies contacted the guests in the driveway area to the property where they camped their motorhome. They were advised that the resident wanted them to leave and that they had overstayed their welcome. They departed to relatives in Clovis.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Ocean Ave. business reported $350 worth of clothing stolen during lunch hour. No suspects.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Admonished person sleeping in vehicle on Del Mar with regards to law against such activity.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Man was asleep in his vehicle with his girlfriend at Dolores and 6th Ave. He had drunk too much and didn't want to drive. he did not appear to be under the influence so a PAS [preliminary alcohol screen] was initiated. He blew .01 percent which was well below .08. He was advised against sleeping in vehicle.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Homeowner on Alta reported that he had caught the neighbors' dog that had escaped from a residence in Carmel city limits. The dog escaped when officer arrived and it was followed to the residence at Alta and Mission. The dog went in the open screen door and officer closed him in. A note was left.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report of a large group of juveniles gathering at Monte Verde and Ocean. Upon arrival at 10:08 p.m. The subjects had dispersed. Remaining subjects were advised of curfew.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Report of an elderly man in a green sedan parked alongside the roadway at Camino Del Monte and Serra, possibly in need of medical assistance.

Carmel Valley: Responded to El Bosque Dr. in Pebble Beach on a report of a large party of juveniles found to be in possession of alcohol. Case under investigation.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Elderly woman's lifeline was activated. Officer checked interior of apartment and woman was not there. CHOMP notified. While securing the residence, woman arrived home. She was fine.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Citizen reported hearing sounds of what appeared to be a person or people outside and on the roof of her residence near Mt. View. The area was checked but officers were not able to locate anyone. Citizen wanted to inform police of some recent thefts involving her belongings. She moved here approximately one month ago with a roommate. Her roommate has been giving keys to an ex–boyfriend and other people the roommate has worked with. Also about that time, numerous items of citizen's were being moved to different locations in the residence. She suspects the same people that have been moving these items also stole belongings she had on the sofa. Citizen is changing the locks on all the doors Monday and requests close patrol until then.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Boy was in the front yard shooting rats with a pellet gun at Lincoln and 13th. Father requested police take gun and have it destroyed. Officer did so.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Employee of a business on Ocean and Lincoln saw a friend that he needed to talk to and requested officer drive him around to find his friend. Upon locating the friend, the employee wanted officer to stand by while he talked things over. Officer declined the request and provided an escort to the employee's next job. Advised to call if there was a criminal issue.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Illegal posting of discount sale items in the window of a shop at San Carlos and 7th.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Anonymous person reports loud drums coming from a sound proof garage at Guadalupe and 2nd. Upon arrival, the sound level was not unreasonable based on the time of day [2:10 p.m.] The reporting person was calling from a block away. The next–door neighbor from where the drums were being played was contacted. She said they did not disturb her. No violation.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Found dog at Monte Verde and Ocean; transported by Monterey animal control.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: San Jose resident turned in a 35 mm camera he found at Lincoln and 6th.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Unknown citizen turned in a cellular telephone found at Mission and 8th.

Carmel–by–the–Sea: Two inebriated females leaning on each other on the way to their hotel room fell. Both were injured and transported to CHOMP.

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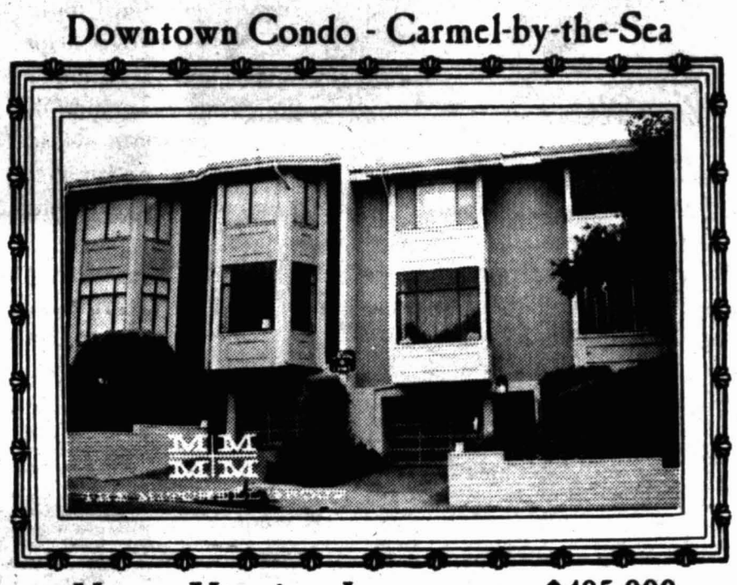

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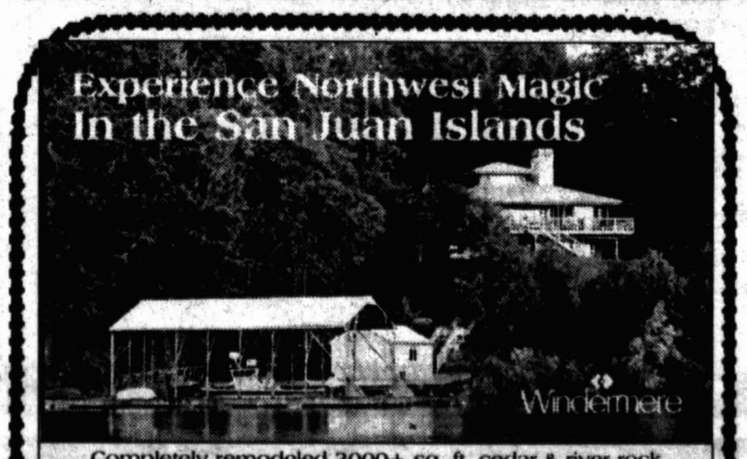

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CARMEL

SWEET RETREAT! A wonderful Carmel getaway or short-term rental. The kitchen has recently been remodeled, as have the 2 bathrooms. There are vaulted ceilings, hardwood floors, a sun room, formal dining room and 3 bedrooms. Value added by a new heating system, insulation and new plumbing. Plus a private courtyard behind a fence. $769,000.

CORNER COTTAGE! In the heart of one of the finest and most sought-after neighborhoods near Carmel Beach is this world-class cottage! From its shingled exterior to its roomy attic & family room, this 2-bedroom, 2-bath residence bespeaks the essence of life in Carmel. $1,950,000.

QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD! Walk to town from this recently remodeled 2-bedroom, 1-bath home with 1-bedroom, 1-bath separate guest quarters. The sun deck and back yard are a real bonus to this rare opportunity! $779,000.

CARMEL POINT DREAM! Build your dream home on Carmel Point. This 4600+ lot includes design plans for a one-of-a-kind English cottage home offering 2200 sq. ft. of living space, 3 bedrooms, 2 baths. Designed by Michael Bolton, you'll see his flare and characteristic artistic details throughout. Property includes approved Monterey county plans, engineering and building details. $1,795,000.

ELEGANT HOME! This beautiful, light and airy 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home has a lovely floor plan. Features include high ceilings, hardwood floors & granite countertops. Also a spacious living room with fireplace, dining room and charming kitchen nook that overlooks the gardens. Upstairs the private master suite has its own furnace, walk-in closets and deck. One-car garage. $1,999,000.

CARMEL HIGHLANDS

BLUE PACIFIC FOREVER! Today's owner has combined the original drama of a home built in 1922 with attention to detail and subtle high tech. The views are breathtaking. The entry to the approximately 5300 sq. ft. home is enchanting with leaded and custom-stained glass doors. Four bedrooms, 4 plus baths and a guest studio. Owner will consider lease option. $1,895,000.

OCEANFRONT BEACH HOUSE! On a flower-strewn meadow leading to a secluded beach sits this spacious 3-bedroom, 4-1/2-bath beachfront house. This relaxing home has commanding views of the Pacific Ocean from almost every room and sits on one acre, which consists of two legal lots of record. Beautiful ocean views from the patio, decks, jacuzzi and enclosed sun rooms, a fabulous setting for viewing spellbinding sunsets. $5,750,000.

Ocean Views...

"SHELTERING PINES"

With understated elegance, this heirloom presides over a natural environment in the Carmel Highlands. On nearly an acre of lush gardens & winding paths, there is an artist's studio & a whimsical courtyard leading to the 4-bedroom, 4-bath meticulously maintained home. Stunning ocean views are captured from all the main rooms. Steps from Highlands Inn. $2,495,000.

CARMEL VALLEY

VALLEY DREAMS! Charming custom-built 4-bedroom, 2-bath farmhouse complete with front porch & swing! A rare creekfront home of about 2700 sq. ft that blends solid, old fashioned design & craftsmanship with hi-tech audio/video/computer capabilities. Including big country kitchen, large living room with fireplace, formal dining room & sunny patio with spa. Nothing has been overlooked! $659,000.

SLICE OF HEAVEN! Great family home located on 2-1/2 acres above Carmel Valley Village in a quiet and private neighborhood off El Caminito. Offering lovely views of the valley & approximately 2400 sq. ft. of living space. Features include 3 bedrooms & 2-1/2 baths and fireplaces in the living & family rooms. $750,000.

PACIFIC GROVE

OPPORTUNITY KNOCKS! This comfortable, 2-bedroom seaside retreat, built in 1908, has an approved expansion to 2,656 sq. ft. with 4+ bedrooms & 3-1/2 baths, and use permits for a home/office combo possibility. The current peek of the bay may improve. Walk to town, Lovers Point and the sea. $585,000.

"CAUTION! — SPLASHING WAVES" A once in a lifetime opportunity to own an oceanfront residence designed by renowned architect Julia Morgan. Built in 1914, this two-story 4-bedroom, 2-bath home with a 2-bedroom guest house sits on an open, V-shaped parcel overlooking the ocean. Changes have been made, but her preference for natural materials and functional approach remain evident. $1,600,000.

PEBBLE BEACH

COUNTRY CLUB DELIGHT! Knock, knock ...Hear that? Opportunity awaits. Three-bedroom, 2-bath older home ready to be updated on a sunny corner, with mature landscaping. Price includes adjacent lot. Use as combined nearly 1/2 acre for new larger home or keep extra lot for privacy. Near the Country Club; just an easy stroll to the beach. $975,000.

ELEGANCE & STYLE! A truly elegant custom-designed home where every detail has been thoughtfully considered. This single-level 3-bedroom, 2-1/2-bath home is sited on a beautiful, private and very usable approximately 1.5 acre in the estate area. There are imported marble floors with marble accents in the baths. The well-appointed kitchen has granite counters. The entry gardens are well tended and lovely. $2,590,000.

"CYPRESS MANOR!" Offering a wealth of natural beauty and tranquility adjacent to Crocker Grove near the Cypress Point is the future site for this design by John Matthams.

Today quality land with water rights for building is almost as rare as the Monterey Cypress that grace this peaceful homesite. Work in progress will transform the site into a residence befitting this priceless paradise. Completed project offered at $6,800,000.

"FAN SHELL GREENS" Overlooking the beautiful sweep of Fan Shell Beach and majestic white-water views is this elegant oceanfront estate compound, with 6 bedrooms & 7 baths, including the main house, separate guest quarters and caretaker's quarters. The long drive through electric gates and past the property's own Par 3 Golf Course is just a "chip" shot away from Cypress Point Golf Links! $16,900,000.

BELLE OF THE BOSQUE! You'll recognize the extra value in this single-level, 3-bedroom, 3-bath home at the top of the forest. The approximately 2200 sq. ft. residence offers oak floors, a well-equipped eat-in kitchen and second fireplace in the family room. The formal dining room is lovely with arched doorways, bay window and nearby wine room. There is a sheltered deck with hot tub and level, fenced back yard. $965,000.

MONTEREY

FRENCH COUNTRY STYLE! In Del Monte Fairways, an elegant, beautifully maintained twelve-year-old estate on a gated level acre+ with circular drive. Custom-built two-story 3-bedroom, 3-1/2-bath home of some 3500 sq. ft. is enhanced by wide-plank hardwood floors downstairs, high ceilings, marble fireplaces in formal living & dining rooms & Corian-tile kitchen. Patios and manicured lawns. $1,795,000.

MONTEREY TREE HOUSE! Seclusion and privacy abound in this 4-bedroom, 2-bath family home with a flexible floor plan. Situated in a favorite neighborhood, it features a hardwood floors, cathedral ceilings, skylights and a large deck with spa overlooking a forested greenbelt and creek. This home is in immaculate condition with new reduced price. $549,000.

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